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Parents rejoice at ‘Ethan’s Law’

Gun control legislation passes US House, but approval in Senate may be tougher sell

By **Taylor Hartz**
Hartford Courant

Four years ago, Mike Song sorrowfully sang The Beatles’ “Let it Be” at the funeral for his 15-year-old son, Ethan, who died when he accidentally fired a gun that was improperly stored in the closet of his friend’s father. On Wednesday night, he sang along

to that same song beside his wife and children at Fenway Park — one of Ethan’s favorite places — as Paul McCartney took the stage. The family booked the concert to celebrate a step toward the milestone they’ve been trying to reach since Ethan’s death: The federal passage of a safe storage law named for their son. Earlier Wednesday, the United

States House of Representatives passed a wide-ranging gun control bill that includes “Ethan’s Law,” which requires that firearms, loaded or unloaded, be securely stored if in a home with anyone under the age of 18. “Ethan’s Law” passed in the House as part of the Protecting Our Kids Act, a package of measures brought forth in the wake of deadly mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York. The legislation, if made into law, will also raise the age limit for purchasing a semi-automatic rifle to 21 and prohibit

the sale of ammunition magazines with a capacity of more than 15 rounds. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, who introduced “Ethan’s Law,” spoke in favor of the act on the House floor ahead of the vote. “Ethan, we did it. Your life-saving legislation will be heard and will get a vote,” DeLauro said. She said the legislation will “keep kids across the country safe” and is a matter of child safety more than anything else.

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Ethan Song

■ U.S. House passes a “red flag” bill. **Story, Page 4**



Travis Glenney-Tegtmeier from left, Kuzco Gong, Brian Anderson, Brittney Braga and Lysha Funnye celebrate the unionization of Starbucks employees at the Corbin’s Corner cafe in West Hartford. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

West Hartford Starbucks first in state to unionize

Corbin’s Corner union will begin collective bargaining, organizer says

By **Alison Cross**
Hartford Courant

Baristas at a West Hartford Starbucks successfully passed a union vote Thursday afternoon, making their coffee shop the first unionized Starbucks location in the state. In an mail-in election overseen by the National Labor Relations Board, 13

employees of the Corbin’s Corner Starbucks voted in favor of union representation under Workers United, an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union. Three employees voted no and five chose not to cast ballots. Corbin’s Corner Starbucks follows scores of other U.S. stores since the Starbucks in Buffalo, New York, became the nation’s first to unionize in December.

Kuzco Gong, a barista and union organizer, said that the next step will be for the Corbin’s Corner union to join forces with other Starbucks unions and begin the collective bargaining process. “We’re definitely going to lean against the other Starbucks that have unionized in the region and in the Northeast

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“We really have just this feeling that the company doesn’t listen to us as baristas, even though we are the one doing all the heavy lifting on the floor, talking to people and doing everything in the stores.” — Kuzco Gong, a barista and union organizer

What do we know about monkeypox, its spread?

No cases of rare, viral disease have yet been reported in Connecticut

By **Stephen Underwood**
Hartford Courant

As monkeypox spreads throughout the United States, many health care professionals are sounding an alarm. Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are tracking multiple cases of the virus that have been reported in several countries. According to the CDC, more than 40 cases have been reported in 15 states with the most cases now in California. No known cases have been reported in Connecticut as of yet. One case was confirmed in Boston last month after an individual had traveled to Canada. Another probable case has also been announced in Rhode Island after a man in his 30s traveled to Massachusetts.

What is monkeypox? Monkeypox is a viral disease that occurs mostly in central and western Africa. It got its name because it was first identified in laboratory monkeys in the early 1950s. The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) during a period of intensified effort to eliminate smallpox. The virus is closely related to the smallpox virus which was eradicated from the United States in the 1970s and officially declared eradicated by the World Health Assembly in 1980. “This is not an unknown virus. This is a well understood pathogen and it’s doing exactly what we expected it would do,” said Dr. Anne Rimoin, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, speaking during a panel discussion hosted by the Yale Institute for Global Health Thursday. “Our African colleagues have been seeing monkeypox for a while in places

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Proposed East Hartford apartment complex wins another approval

East Hartford planners gave a key approval for redevelopment of a 26-acre property that could transform the Silver Lane corridor and bring nearly 440 upscale apartments to town. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol laid the blame firmly on Donald Trump, saying the assault was hardly spontaneous but an “attempted coup” and a direct result of the defeated president’s effort to overturn the 2020 election. With a never-before-seen 12-minute video of the deadly violence and startling testimony from Trump’s most inner circle,

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Vice Chair Liz Cheney lays out the Jan. 6 committee’s investigation Thursday night after Chairman Bennie Thompson, left, gave opening remarks on the attack on the U.S. Capitol in 2021. The next hearing is scheduled

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DeLauro said the law is an important step forward and a step that needs to be taken “because losing just one child to accidentally gun violence is too many.”

Song died in Guilford on Jan. 31, 2018, from a fatal gunshot wound. Ever since, his parents, Mike Song and Kristin Song, have traveled across the state and to Washington, D.C., to advocate for the law they say would have saved their son’s life.

If the parents of their son’s friend had safely stored his weapons, they believe their son would still be alive.

The Songs have met with hundreds of politicians over the past few years, often calling on celebrities to draw attention to “Ethan’s Law” and urge members of Congress to vote. They have met with many Republican members of Congress to try to sway them to support Ethan’s law to protect other families from experiencing the same loss they did.

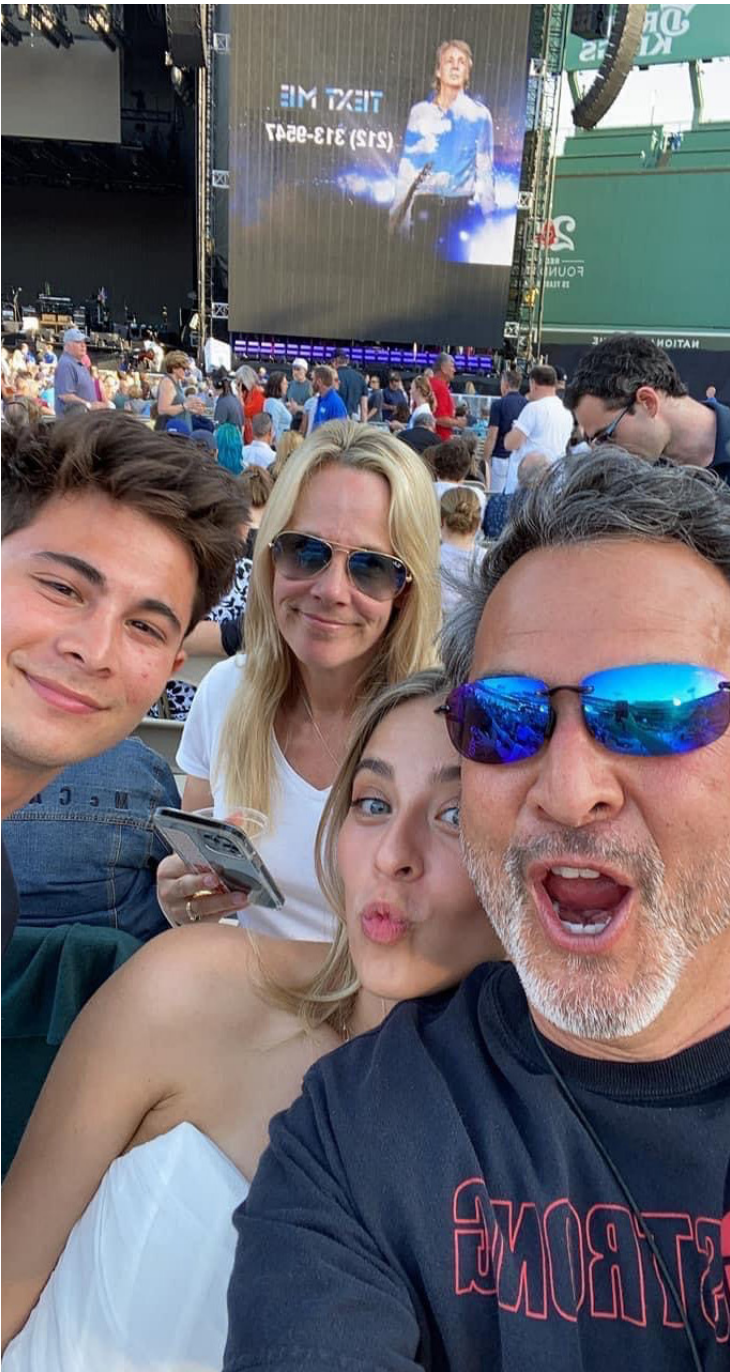
Kristin Song said Thursday that she hopes Republicans who supported the law in the House know what it means to them and to families across the nation. She hopes that when the bill is voted on in the Senate, members of the GOP will reach across the aisle to help move the legislation forward.

“They’re on the right side of history. If at the end of their life, in the quiet of the night, they can lay their head on their pillow and they can really feel like they’ve lived a life well lived and they’ve stood up for children, isn’t that the most important thing that we’ve all been tasked to do?” she said.

The legislative package that includes Ethan’s Law passed the House with support from five Republicans with a vote of 223-204.

“The fact that this bill passed with some bipartisan support, it means a lot to us because we never wanted this to be about left, right, Black, brown, white. We wanted this to solely be about we the people. The freedom to keep our kids safe is a freedom and right that we should all have, so it was really moving to see people reach across the aisle for this,” said Mike Song.

The bill is unlikely to pass in



The Song family. COURTESY OF MIKE AND KRISTIN SONG

the Senate, where senators are negotiating a package of laws in response to the mass shootings in Uvalde and Buffalo that include school security and mental health measures.

Connecticut’s U.S. Senators, Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, said they have been working day in and day out to try to negotiate a package of gun violence legislation that will receive enough bipartisan support to earn 60 votes in the senate — the number required to pass.

“Ethan’s Law” was passed in Connecticut with bipartisan support in the general assembly. It was signed into law by Gov. Ned Lamont in 2019.

The U.S. House on Thursday also passed a “red flag” gun bill that has been staunchly championed by Blumenthal, that would allow families and law enforcement to request court orders to remove firearms from people who are at a high risk of hurting themselves or others. The “red flag” law passed on a mostly party-line vote of 224-202.

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and the defeated president’s extraordinary effort to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s election victory. He called it a “brazen attempt” to overturn the election.

“Democracy remains in danger,” Thompson said. “We must confront the truth with candor, resolve and determination.”

The committee was presenting never-before-seen video and a mass of other evidence, aiming to show the “harrowing story” of the deadly violence that day and also a chilling backstory as Trump, the defeated president, tried to overturn Biden’s election victory.

In one clip, the panel played a quip from former Attorney General Bill Barr who testified that he told Trump the claims of a rigged election were “bull----.”

Thursday night’s hearing was providing eyewitness testimony from the first police officer pummeled in the mob riot and from a documentary filmmaker who tracked the extremist Proud Boys as they prepared to fight for Trump immediately after the election and then led the storming of the Capitol.

The hearing also featured accounts from Trump aides and family members, interviewed behind closed doors.

There was an audible gasp in the hearing room, when vice chair Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., read an account that said when Trump was told the Capitol mob was chanting for Vice President Mike Pence to be hanged, Trump responded that maybe they were right, that he “deserves it.”

Trump was angry that Pence did not refuse to accept the certification of Biden’s victory.

The panel’s findings aim to show that America’s tradition of a peaceful transfer of presidential power came close to slipping away. They reconstruct how Trump refused to concede the election, spread false claims of voter fraud and orchestrated an unprecedented campaign to overturn Biden’s victory.

Trump, unapologetic, dismissed the investigation anew — and even declared on social media that Jan. 6 “represented the greatest movement in the history of our country.”

The result of the coming weeks of public hearings may not change hearts or minds in politically polarized America. But the committee’s investigation with 1,000 interviews is intended to stand as a public

record for history. A final report aims to provide an accounting of the most violent attack on the Capitol since the British set fire to it in 1814, and to ensure such an attack never happens again.

The riot left more than 100 police officers injured, many beaten and bloodied, as the crowd of pro-Trump rioters, some armed with pipes, bats and bear spray, charged into the Capitol. At least nine people who were there died during and after the rioting, including a woman who was shot and killed by police.

Against this backdrop, the committee is speaking to a divided America, ahead of the fall midterm elections when voters decide which party controls Congress. Most TV networks were carrying the hearing live, but Fox News Channel was not.

Among those in the audience were several current and former police officers who fought the mob in a desperate battle to protect the Capitol and lawmakers who were trapped together in the House gallery during the siege have stayed close.

“We want to remind people, we were there, we saw what happened,” said Rep. Dean Phillips, D-Minn. “We know how close we came to the first non-peaceful transition of power in this country.”

Thompson opened the hearing with a sweep of American history, saying he heard in those denying the stark reality of Jan. 6 his own experience growing up in a time and place “where people justified the action of slavery, the Ku Klux Klan and lynching.”

He and Cheney, the daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney, outlined what the committee has learned about the events leading up to the day when Trump sent his supporters to Congress to “fight like hell” for his presidency as lawmakers undertook the typically routine job of certifying the previous November’s results.

One witness scheduled Thursday was documentary maker Nick Quested, who filmed the Proud Boys storming the Capitol — along with a meeting between the group’s then-chairman Henry “Enrique” Tarrio and another extremist group, the Oath Keepers, the night before in a nearby parking garage.

Court documents show that members of the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers were discussing as early as November a need to fight to keep Trump in office. Leaders of both groups have since been indicted on rare sedition charges.

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Starbucks employees at the Corbin's Corner cafe in West Hartford voted to become unionized on Thursday. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

Starbucks

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region,” Gong said. “We’re moving on to collective bargaining, which means that we will be negotiating our contract.”

Higher pay, guaranteed hours and addressing staffing shortages are among the union’s top priorities, Gong said.

A representative from Starbucks said the company “Will respect the process and will bargain in good faith guided by our principles ... We hope that the union does the same.”

As of June 8, the National Labor Relations Board said it had received 280 union petitions for Starbucks. So far 133 have voted

to form a union and 92 unions have been certified. Additionally, the board said that as of May 31 it had recorded more than 170 unfair labor practice cases for the company.

Employees at a second Connecticut Starbucks located on Talcottville Road in Vernon are also working towards unionization. Ballots for that vote are due to be counted July 14.

Travis Glenney-Tegtmeier, a shift supervisor and co-union organizer at the Corbin’s Corner Starbucks, has worked for the company for 11 years. Glenney-Tegtmeier and Gong said that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated problems within the store, from unclear mask policies to belligerent customers. After seeing Starbucks

workers unionize in Buffalo and Boston, Gong and Glenney-Tegtmeier decided to bring the movement to Connecticut.

“Everybody at Starbucks across the country was sort of experiencing something similar, and so I think it just took a few people to sort of strike the spark to get the momentum going,” Glenney-Tegtmeier said.

Gong and Glenney-Tegtmeier said that one of the challenges through this process was educating their coworkers about unions and their benefits.

They said that before the vote, employees had a one-on-one sit-down with either the Starbucks manager or district manager who explained why a union would not be in their best interest.

In May, the governor signed into law a provision prohibiting captive audience meetings, but that law does not take effect until July 1.

Glenney-Tegtmeier said that he would like to see the starting wage increase, noting that starting employees at the Corbin’s Corner location receive \$14.50 an hour. On July 1, the state minimum wage will increase to \$14 an hour.

“The pay rate is just not keeping up with what other companies are offering or the standard of living increases,” he said.

Gong said that another major issue is work hours and benefits. Part-time Starbucks employees must work a minimum of 20 hours per week in order to qualify for insurance and the Starbucks College Achievement plan, accord-

ing to the company website.

Gong said that despite moments of understaffing, it was not uncommon for the store to schedule employees for less than 20-hours a week, despite their requests for more hours. Glenney-Tegtmeier said at times baristas would not appear on that week’s schedule at all.

Gong said that some employees had to take on a second job because their Starbucks hours were not enough.

“We really have just this feeling that the company doesn’t listen to us as baristas, even though we are the one doing all the heavy lifting on the floor, talking to people and doing everything in the stores,” Gong said. “We would like to have a say in how the company treats us.”

Monkeypox

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that it is endemic. Now we’re just seeing it on a larger scale. We know where it comes from but it’s just always been low on the list of priorities. The squeaky wheel gets the grease but monkeypox was never high enough on the list.”

While considered a rare disease, it can spread throughout Central and West Africa, often near tropical rain forests. After decades without cases, Nigeria experienced a monkeypox outbreak starting in 2017 that continues to this day. Nigeria has detected 558 suspected cases — 241 of them confirmed — since the current outbreak began in 2017.

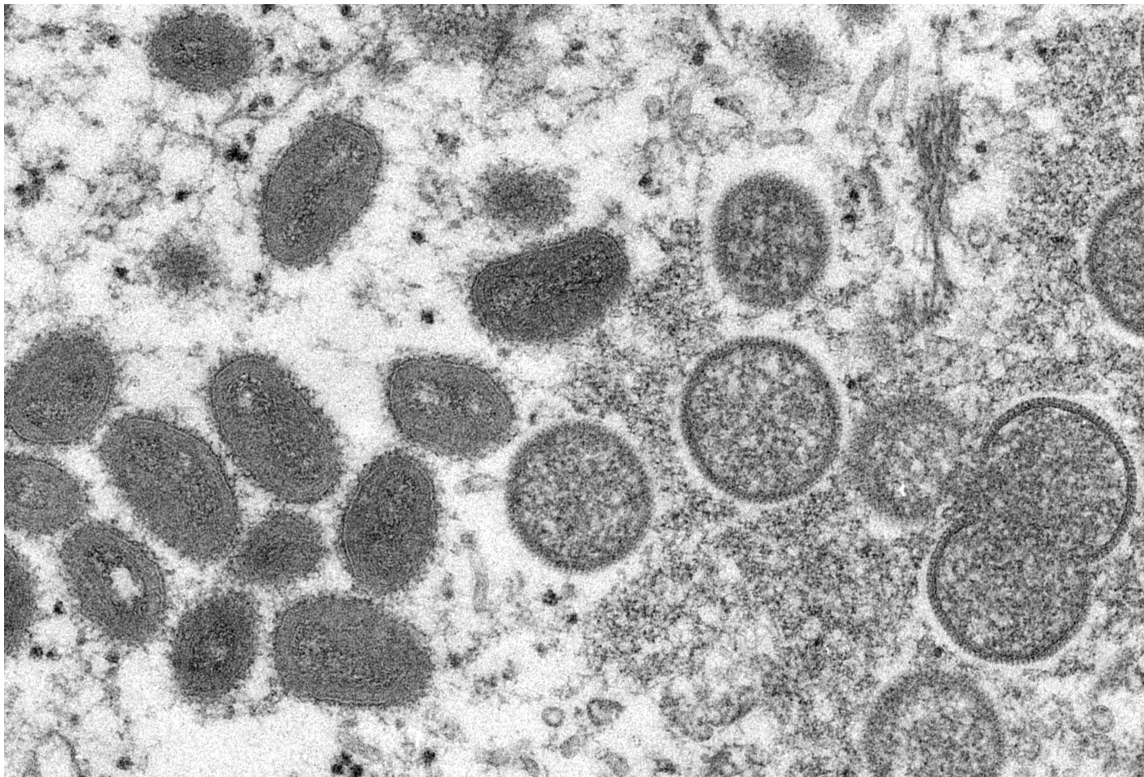
“A lot of the concern now is that we’re not just seeing this in one country but now multiple countries,” said Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director at Yale School of Medicine. “We’ve seen a few cases pop up here and there over the last few years but not to the extent we’re seeing now.”

How does monkeypox spread? People become infected with the monkeypox virus through contact with the bodily fluids of infected animals or humans, including respiratory droplets, or through contact with materials contaminated with the virus.

Monkeypox spreads most easily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids but it also can be spread by respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact.

“While touch is the primary way it spreads, it can spread through droplet transmission as well,” said Roberts. “The good news is that it does not transmit as well as COVID. We have all heard of the 6-foot, 15-minute rule of transmissibility for COVID-19 but for monkeypox it is more like 6-foot, three hours. So it really requires prolonged contact.”

The CDC has also warned that



This 2003 electron microscope image shows mature, oval-shaped monkeypox virions, left, and spherical immature virions, right, obtained from a sample of human skin associated with a 2003 outbreak in prairie dogs. The World Health Organization said May 27 that nearly 200 cases of monkeypox have been reported in more than 20 countries not usually known to have outbreaks of the unusual disease. CYNTHIA S. GOLDSMITH AND RUSSELL REGNER/CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION VIA AP

it can be transmissible during intimate contact between people, including during sex, as well as activities like kissing, cuddling, or touching.

“One thought is that it can be sexually transmitted but I strongly doubt that,” said Roberts. “My thinking is it is transmitted during sexual activity simply because of the close proximity to someone who is infected.”

Can vaccines prevent monkeypox? Most older Americans will remember receiving a smallpox vaccine as part of eradication efforts in the 1960s and 1970s. The last smallpox vaccine was administered in the United States in 1972 after the disease was eradicated in the United States.

There are three different smallpox vaccines that each can be used in a smallpox emergency vaccination strategy, two of which have some efficacy against monkeypox. A third, JYNNEOS is licensed by the FDA for the prevention of smallpox and monkeypox and offers about 85% protection against the monkeypox virus.

“We have effective smallpox vaccines that also share efficacy against monkeypox,” said Roberts. “For right now the CDC recommends that only people who are exposed get vaccinated at this point because the incubation period is so long that you can actually get the virus two weeks before getting any symptoms.”

Symptoms of monkeypox: The

CDC estimated the incubation period (time from infection to symptoms) for monkeypox is usually 7 to 4 days but can range from 5 to 21 days.

“This can make it difficult for someone to know if they have the virus,” Roberts said. “But usually symptoms begin as a fever and turn into a rash within a few days. Once you start experiencing symptoms it is important to see your medical provider right away.”

Monkeypox begins with fever, headache, muscle aches, and exhaustion. The main difference between symptoms of smallpox and monkeypox is that monkeypox causes lymph nodes to swell while smallpox does not. Within 1 to 3 days after the appearance of fever, the patient develops a rash,

often beginning on the face then spreading to other parts of the body.

The CDC estimates that older Americans who were vaccinated prior to 1972 still have immunity against monkeypox.

“A big outstanding question is how long can that immunity last and I don’t think there is a great answer,” Roberts said. “Some studies have suggested 85% immunity in people who got inoculated for smallpox and others have shown less or greater immunity. The general thought is that there is some protection for older Americans who got vaccinated.”

U.S. response: The U.S. has begun releasing monkeypox vaccines from the Strategic National Stockpile to protect high-risk people or those already exposed.

The White House has not revealed how large the national stockpile of monkeypox vaccines and therapeutics is but the CDC estimated more than 100 million doses of ACAM2000 and APSV are in the national stockpile. The JYNNEOS vaccine, first developed in 2019, has far fewer doses in the stockpile but no exact numbers have been reported.

“Current estimates are there is enough smallpox vaccines for about a third of the U.S. population,” Roberts said. “But no one really knows for sure just how many vaccines we have.”

The CDC advises practicing good hygiene and safe sex to reduce your risk of contracting the virus. This includes washing hands, wearing masks in close proximity or at large gatherings and using condoms during sexual activity. Individuals should also keep an eye out for symptoms if they recently changed sexual partners.

“We can do things to help minimize the spread,” Roberts said. “The biggest thing is just practicing good hygiene and safe sex practices. We can all do our part to help limit the outbreak.”



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House approves ‘red flag’ gun bill

But proposal seems to have little chance of passing in Senate

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House approved a “red flag” bill Thursday that would allow families, police and others to ask federal courts to order the removal of firearms from people at extreme risk of harming themselves or others.

It’s the Democratic-controlled chamber’s latest response to mass shootings and likely stands little chance in the Senate, where at least 10 Republican senators would be needed.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have such “red flag” laws.

Under the House bill, a judge could issue an order to temporarily remove and store the firearms until a hearing can be held, up to two weeks later, to determine whether the firearms should be returned or kept for a specific period. The bill passed on a mostly party-line vote of 224-202.

“We are painfully aware that we cannot do enough to save every life, and there is no one answer that will solve this problem,” said Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, the Democratic chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. “But we do know that taking guns out of the hands of people who pose a danger to themselves, or others, would save countless lives.”

The vote came after an emotional week that saw congressional testimony from victims of recent mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York, and



Raquel Gabin, left, with her mother, Joseline Castanos, at a gun safety rally Wednesday in Washington. **NATHAN HOWARD/GETTY**

came ahead of a planned march Saturday in Washington by groups advocating stronger gun controls.

On Wednesday, the House passed a wide-ranging gun control bill that would raise the age limit for purchasing a semi-automatic rifle and prohibit the sale of ammunition magazines with a capacity of more than 15 rounds.

It, too, has virtually no chance in the Senate.

House Republicans criticized the “red flag” bill as giving the federal government the ability to take a law-abiding person’s guns without them having the ability to contest it beforehand.

“It would allow the courts to take guns away from people without notice and without even the right to appear in the hearing to defend themselves in court,” Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., said.

The Congressional Budget Office projects that the bill would lead to roughly 10,000 emergency petitions being filed annually with the courts.

The bill would also create a grant program at the Department of Justice to encourage states to adopt “red flag” laws and support the 19 states that have implemented them.

Five Republican lawmakers voted for the bill: Reps.

Brian Fitzpatrick, Pennsylvania; Anthony Gonzalez, Ohio; Chris Jacobs, New York; Adam Kinzinger, Illinois; and Fred Upton, Michigan. Only Fitzpatrick is seeking reelection.

Rep. Jared Golden of Maine was the only Democratic member to vote no.

The lead sponsors of the bill were Democratic Reps. Salud Carbajal of California and Lucy McBath of Georgia, whose son, Jordan Davis, was killed in 2012 at a Jacksonville, Florida, gas station by a white man angry over the loud music the Black teenager and his friends had been playing in their car.

President Joe Biden

supports the bill.

The White House said it would “make significant progress toward keeping guns out of dangerous hands.”

Instead, senators are focusing on incremental policy changes through a system that would send funds and other incentives to states to bolster security at school campuses, provide more mental health services to young people and possibly encourage states to pursue red flag laws of their own.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said one focus is on enhancing the background check system known as NICS, to include young buyers’ criminal records

before they turned 18.

“Adding juvenile records to the NICS system is a common sense way to ensure we have a complete picture of the buyer’s history,” said Cornyn, who is leading negotiations on the GOP side. He voiced optimism that senators will be able to reach an agreement.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the House stands ready to consider a gun bill from the Senate “if it’s lifesaving and can make a difference.”

But she cautioned: “We cannot have subterfuge. We can’t have them say well, it’s about this and it’s about that. No, it’s about guns.”

Meanwhile, the superintendent of the Uvalde, Texas, school district where 19 students and two teachers were fatally shot May 24 said Thursday that the district will hire more police officers in the fall.

When Superintendent Hal Harrell was asked if he still trusts the school district’s police chief, Pete Arredondo, he said, “that’s personnel.”

Critics have suggested that Arredondo, who was in charge during the attack at Robb Elementary School, waited too long before agents entered the locked classroom where the gunman was holed up and killed him.

The 18-year-old gunman spent roughly 80 minutes inside the school, and more than an hour passed from when the first officers followed him into the building and when he was killed, according to an official timeline.

In the meantime, parents begged police to rush in and panicked children called 911 from inside.

WAR IN UKRAINE

3 foreigners sentenced to death fighting for Ukraine

Putin casts himself as modern version of Peter the Great

By Bernat Armangué and Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

BAKHMUT, Ukraine — Two British citizens and a Moroccan were sentenced to death Thursday for fighting on Ukraine’s side, in a punishment handed down by the country’s pro-Moscow rebels.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared to liken himself to conquering monarch Peter the Great and spoke of his country’s need to “take back” territory and “defend itself” as the Kremlin’s forces continued a grinding war of attrition in eastern Ukraine.

A court in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic in Ukraine found the three captured fighters guilty of working toward a violent overthrow of power, an offense punishable by death in the unrecognized eastern republic. They were also convicted of mercenary activities and terrorism.

Russia’s state news agency RIA Novosti reported the

men — identified as Aiden Aslin, Shaun Pinner and Ibrahim Saadoun — will face a firing squad. They have a month to appeal.

The separatist side argued that the three fighters were “mercenaries” not entitled to the usual protections accorded prisoners of war. The men are the first foreign fighters sentenced by Ukraine’s Russian-backed separatists.

British Foreign Secretary Luz Truss condemned the sentencing as a “sham judgment with absolutely no legitimacy.” Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s spokesman Jamie Davies said that under the Geneva Conventions, POWs are entitled to immunity as combatants.

Saadoun’s father, Taher Saadoun, told the Moroccan online Arab-language newspaper Madar 21 that his son is not a mercenary and that he holds Ukrainian citizenship.

Aslin’s and Pinner’s families have contended that the two men were long-serving members of the Ukrainian military. Both are said to have lived in Ukraine since 2018.

The three men fought alongside Ukrainian troops. Pinner and Aslin surren-

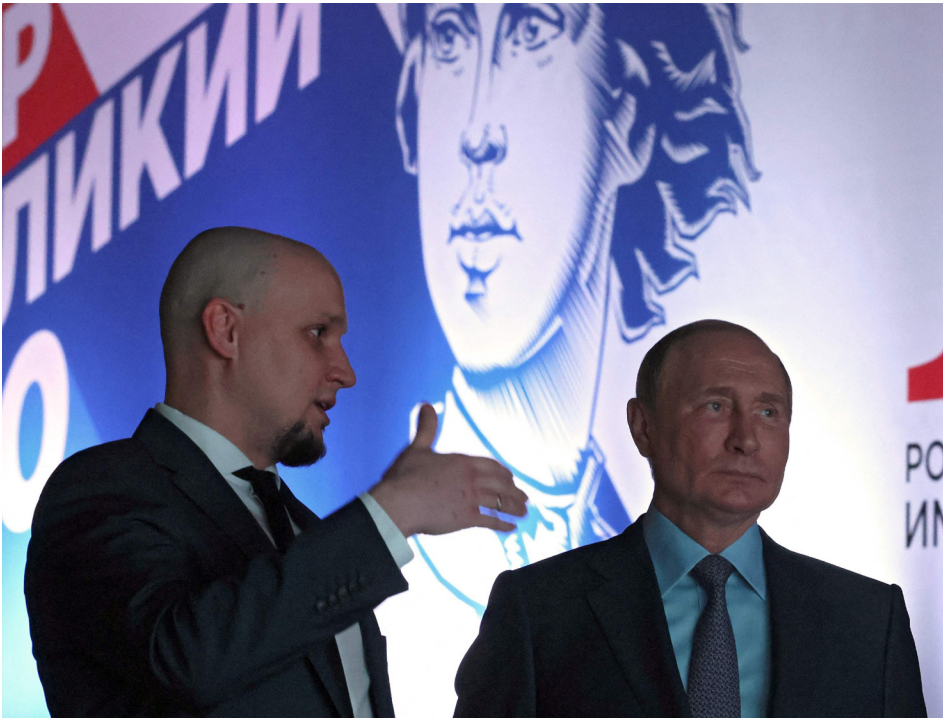
dered to pro-Russian forces in the southern port of Mariupol in mid-April, while Saadoun did so in mid-March in the eastern city of Volnovakha.

The Russian military has argued that foreign mercenaries fighting on Ukraine’s side are not combatants and should expect long prison terms, at best, if captured. Another British fighter captured by the pro-Russian forces, Andrew Hill, is awaiting trial.

Russian investigators also said Thursday that they had opened more than 1,100 cases into “crimes against peace” committed by the Ukrainian government, paving the way for what could turn into a mass show trial of hundreds of Ukrainian service members.

As the war raged in a key city in Ukraine’s Donbas region and other parts of the country, Russia’s president drew parallels between Peter the Great’s founding of St. Petersburg in the 18th century on land captured from Sweden and modern-day Russia’s ambitions.

When Peter founded the new capital, “no European country recognized it as Russia. Everybody recognized it as Sweden,” Putin



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, attends a new exhibit Thursday in Moscow marking the 350th anniversary of the birth of the legendary Czar Peter the Great. **MIKHAIL METZEL/SPUTNIK**

said. He added: “What was (Peter) doing? Taking back and reinforcing. That’s what he did. And it looks like it fell on us to take back and reinforce as well.”

The czar is known for waging war against the Ottoman Empire to seize the Crimean Peninsula, bringing Western technology and culture to Russia and establishing the nation’s navy.

Putin also appeared to leave the door open for further Russian territorial expansion.

“It’s impossible — do you understand? — impossible to build a fence around a country like Russia. And we

do not intend to build that fence,” he said.

Russian forces continued to pound the eastern city of Sievierodonetsk in fierce, street-by-street combat that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said could determine the fate of the Donbas, the country’s industrial heartland.

Moscow-backed separatists have been fighting Ukrainian troops for years in the Donbas and held swaths of territory before the invasion.

“Fierce battles continue in the city itself, street battles are taking place with varied success in city blocks,”

Serhiy Haidai, governor of Luhansk province. “The army of Ukraine is fighting for every street and house.”

Sievierodonetsk is part of the last pocket of Luhansk that Russians have yet to seize. The Donbas is made up of Luhansk and Donetsk provinces.

Zelenskyy called the fight for the city the “epicenter” of the battle for the Donbas.

“In many ways, it is there that the fate of our Donbas is being decided,” Zelenskyy said Wednesday in his nightly video address.

The New York Times contributed.



GOP candidate Ryan Kelley leaves court Thursday in Grand Rapids, Michigan. **DANIEL SHULAR/THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS**

Mich. governor hopeful charged in Jan. 6 riot

By Ed White and Sara Burnett
Associated Press

DETROIT — A Republican candidate for Michigan governor and ardent defender of former President Donald Trump was charged with misdemeanors Thursday for his role in the 2021 post-election riot at the U.S. Capitol, further complicating an already messy GOP primary.

Ryan Kelley, 40, was arrested in western Mich-

igan and appeared at a hearing in federal court in Grand Rapids, where he was released from custody without posting bail. The government did not ask that Kelley be detained. Kelley is the first person running for election in a major state or federal race to be charged in connection with the attack.

According to a criminal complaint, Kelley was charged with committing violence against a person or property on restricted grounds, damaging federal

property, disorderly conduct and entering a restricted building or grounds without permission.

His campaign posted on Facebook two words: “political prisoner,” and the chairman of the state GOP accused Democrats of “weaponizing our justice system” against political opponents.

Kelley’s arrest further roils a GOP field that initially had 10 candidates seeking to challenge Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in

the battleground state this fall. Five of them, including two front-runners, were dropped from the primary ballot because forged signatures submitted by paid petition circulators left them below the 15,000 needed to make the race.

Kelley is among more than 800 people who are facing criminal charges in connection with the Jan. 6 riot.

The New York Times contributed.

WORLD & NATION

Wells at risk amid spike in floods

Storms driven by warming climate a threat to water

By Michael Phillis and John Flesher
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — After a record-setting Midwestern rainstorm that damaged thousands of homes and businesses, Stefanie Johnson's farmhouse in Blandinsville, Illinois, didn't have safe drinking water for nearly two months.

Flood water poured into her well, turning the water a muddy brown and forcing Johnson, her husband and their two young children to use store-bought supplies. Even after sediment cleared, testing found bacteria — including E. coli, which can cause diarrhea. The family boiled water for drinking and cooking. The YMCA was a refuge for showers.

"I was pretty strict with the kids," said Johnson, who works with a private well protection program at the local health department. "I'd pour bottled water on their toothbrushes."

Though estimates vary, roughly 53 million U.S. residents — about 17% of the population — rely on private wells, according to a study conducted in part by Environmental Protection Agency researchers. Most live in rural areas. But others are in subdivisions near fast-growing metro regions or otherwise beyond the reach of public water pipes.

While many private wells provide safe water, the absence of regulation and treatment afforded by larger municipal systems may expose some users to health risks, from bacteria and viruses to chemicals and lead, studies have found.

Risks are elevated after flooding or heavy rainfall, when animal and human feces, dirt, nutrients such as nitrogen and other contaminants can seep into wells.



Homes in Spring, Texas, stand in floodwaters from 2017's Tropical Storm Harvey. Risks to private water wells are elevated after such flooding. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

And experts say the threat is growing as the warming climate fuels more intense rainstorms and stronger and wetter hurricanes.

"New areas are getting flooded," said Kelsey Pieper, a Northeastern University professor of environmental engineering. "We know the environment is shifting and we're playing catch-up, trying to increase awareness."

Pieper is among scientists conducting well testing and education programs in storm-prone areas. After Hurricane Harvey caused widespread flooding along the Texas coast in 2017, sampling of more than 8,800 wells in 44 counties found average E. coli levels nearly three times higher than normal, she said.

Two years later, above-average snowfall and a March storm unleashed flooding in Nebraska. Levees and dams were breached.

Fremont, a city of more than 25,000, turned into an island when the nearby Platte and Elkhorn rivers overflowed.

The municipal system continued to supply drinkable water but some nearby private wells were damaged or contaminated. Julie Hindmarsh's farm was flooded for three days, and it took months to make the well water drinkable again. At times, the cleanup crew wore protective suits.

"They didn't know what was in that floodwater," she said.

Groundwater is often a cleaner source than surface supplies because soil can provide a protective buffer, said Heather Murphy, an epidemiologist at the University of Guelph in Canada. But she said that can give well owners a false sense of security, leading them to forgo testing, maintenance and treatment.

"There's a big misconception that it's underground, therefore it's safe," said Murphy, who estimates 1.3 million cases of acute gastrointestinal illness in the U.S. are caused annually by drinking untreated water from private wells.

Old, poorly maintained wells are especially vulnerable to floodwaters entering through openings at the top. "It just runs right in and it's full of bacteria," said Steven Wilson, a well expert at the University of Illinois.

It doesn't always take a flood or hurricane to pollute wells. Industrial contamination can reach them by seeping into groundwater.

Around 1,000 residential wells in Michigan's Kent County were tainted for decades with toxic perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in landfill sludge from footwear company Wolverine

World Wide. The pollution, discovered in 2017, spurred lawsuits and a \$69.5 million settlement with the state that extended city water lines to affected houses.

"We thought we were getting this pristine, straight-from-nature water and it would be much better for us," said Sandy Wynn-Stelt, who has lived across from one of the dump sites since the early 1990s.

She said tests detected high levels of PFAS chemicals in her water and blood. In a suit later settled, she blamed the contamination for her husband's 2016 death from liver cancer. She was diagnosed with thyroid cancer four years later.

A lot of harm can be prevented if owners make sure the well's top keeps out debris and that the pump is turned off before a storm to keep out floodwaters. Experts recommend testing

after a flood and decontaminating wells with chlorine if a problem is found.

While many owners know how to maintain their wells, others ignore problems even if the water isn't sanitary. Water that tastes fine can still be contaminated.

"I wish I had a nickel for everyone who's walked into a workshop and said, 'I've been drinking this water forever and it's fine,'" said Jason Barrett, who directs a Mississippi State University program that educates well owners.

Some owners avoid testing because they are concerned it will reveal an expensive problem. Johnson, the Illinois resident whose well was fouled by the 2013 downpour that killed four people and caused \$465 million in flood damage, paid about \$3,500 for repairs and upgrades.

"Luckily, none of us became ill," she said.

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WORLD & NATION

Teachers wondering ‘what more?’

Pandemic, culture wars, shootings test educators’ limits

By Sarah Mervosh
The New York Times

On the day that a gunman walked into an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and carried out the deadliest school shooting this country has seen in a decade, an English teacher in St. Augustine, Florida, was on her lunch break, watching online as her local school board meeting erupted into an agitated fight over library books.

In suburban Dallas, a teacher was at the end of her rope after what she said had been her hardest year in almost two decades in the classroom. Even as the second semester drew to a close, many of her students, 10 and 11 years old, still needed instructions for basic tasks, and some were routinely absent altogether.

And in the Atlanta area, a 31-year-old teacher went to bed worried. Would her elementary school be next? Just before falling asleep, her husband promised that, should the worst happen, he would take care of their 2-year-old son.

Across the country, teachers have limped to the end of this school year, weighed down by pressures that were accumulating even before the Uvalde shooting last month.

Schools had gotten off to a promising start — classrooms open, vaccines more widely available, learning underway. And while some teachers enjoyed relative normalcy for the first time since the pandemic began, others found that this year ended up being among their most difficult.

All over the country, students were behind in core subjects like reading and math, while many showed signs of anxiety and depression. At the same time, teachers in some



High school math teacher Dan Plonsey ends his school year Saturday in Berkeley, Calif. BRIAN L. FRANK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

school districts were caught in political battles, as efforts to ban books increase and lawmakers in many states seek to limit instruction on sexuality and racism. In several cities, teachers went on strike over pay and COVID-19 protocols.

For some teachers, the news that 19 children and two teachers were shot to death May 24 at an elementary school in Texas was a final gut punch.

“I’m just angry,” said Octavio Hernandez, a middle school math teacher in Davenport, Florida, who said he knew of at least 20 students hospitalized for mental health emergencies in the past two years.

“They want us to be a police officer, a counselor,” said Hernandez, 42. “Oh, and don’t forget to teach. And when you teach, teach this way — and don’t mention anything that is going on in the world.”

In the days after the Uvalde shooting, plenty

of teachers did what they always do. They showed up to school, cheered students on at graduation, and brought in homemade cupcakes to celebrate the year. But some described doing it all with one eye glued to the classroom door.

“It has been emotionally and mentally exhausting,” said Lateefah Mosley, 47, a teacher in Decatur, Georgia, who was coming to grips with a mass shooting that targeted Black shoppers at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, last month when the shooting in Uvalde unfolded 10 days later.

Overall, schools are relatively safe for the country’s 54 million students and nearly 4 million teachers. But school shootings are becoming more common, and the tragedy in Uvalde represented many people’s worst fears.

The shooting resurfaced debates about arming teachers, and in Ohio, the governor indicated he would sign

legislation to make it easier for teachers to carry guns. A Gallup poll conducted after one of the nation’s deadliest school shootings — when 17 people were killed in Parkland, Florida, in 2018 — found that 73% of teachers opposed teachers and staff members carrying guns in schools, with 20% in favor. More than half of teachers said it would make schools less safe.

“We don’t have enough funding to even buy paper and pencils for kids, and you want us to have guns to protect ourselves?” Mosley said, echoing a sentiment shared by other teachers who said that, whatever their view on guns, they simply did not have the bandwidth.

Guns are only the latest way that the country’s political wars are increasingly encroaching on classrooms.

On the day of the Texas shooting, the school board in St. Johns County, Florida, was considering a proposal

to ban books from school libraries, including those that include transgender and nonbinary characters and address white supremacy. Megan Young, an English teacher at a district high school, heated up leftovers of rice and meatballs, shut her classroom door and spent her lunch break online, watching as the meeting devolved into shouting and name-calling.

In her classroom, Young said, a parent objected to a lesson asking students to analyze the persuasiveness of Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter From Birmingham Jail,” versus a corresponding letter by eight white clergymen.

The increased scrutiny is bewildering to Young, 33, who recalled how, after the Parkland shooting, she brought a leather belt to store in her classroom first aid kit, in case she ever needed a tourniquet for a student.

“It’s being literally en-

trusted with their lives,” she said, “but not entrusted with choosing curriculum.”

Teachers in public schools make an average of about \$65,000 a year and have been considered among the most trusted professionals, alongside nurses, doctors, military members and scientists. But as schools shut down and the social fabric frayed during the pandemic, trust in teachers declined.

For some, the competing pressures have been enough to walk away.

“I needed a change,” said Kathy Macken, 62, a math and science teacher in Richardson, Texas, near Dallas, who is leaving the classroom after 19 years to do intensive tutoring with smaller groups of students.

During the last week of school, a lockdown interrupted an outdoor field day. Amid tug of war and fun in a bounce house, students were hustled back inside. Macken huddled with her students on the floor of her darkened classroom while the police investigated a report of a teenager walking down the street with a rifle.

It was one of a number of scares around the country in the days after the Uvalde shooting.

Dan Plonsey, a math teacher at Berkeley High School in California canceled final exams and called in sick last week, after a student was arrested in what the authorities described as a plot to attack the high school. The announcement came after a year of COVID-19 absences and a student suicide, and days after the Uvalde shooting.

Plonsey, 63, considered his sickout one small act of defiance against what he described as an American society grown numb to grief.

“What is wrong with us?” Plonsey asked, as he packed up his classroom last week. “Why do we just do business as usual day after day?”

“Let’s bring some humanity,” he said. “Let’s be sad for a few hours.”



Members of the Mexican National Guard drive alongside migrants Thursday headed toward Huixtla, Mexico. Venezuelans make up a large proportion of the caravan. MARCO UGARTE/AP

For migrants, opinions split on walking all the way to US

By Edgar H. Clemente
Associated Press

VILLA COMALTITLAN, Mexico — A group of migrants that once numbered as many as 5,000 split Thursday about whether to keep walking through southern Mexico toward the U.S. border.

A group of about 2,000 mainly younger male migrants set out walking Thursday from the southern town of Huixtla.

But throngs of families with children decided to wait in Huixtla to see if they could get some sort of temporary exit visa. The families were tired after walking some 25 miles since departing the city of Tapachula, near the Guatemalan border, on Monday.

The goal of almost all the migrants is to reach the U.S. border. But none of the migrant caravans that have crossed Mexico starting in 2018 have ever walked all the way to the border, which is more than 1,000 miles to the north.

While some caravan participants reached the border in the past, it was due to bus or car rides — which the government now

tries to prevent.

Venezuelan migrant Junior Ramirez waited for papers with about 15 members of his extended family at a National Immigration Institute post outside Huixtla, where the migrants slept in the open air Tuesday and Wednesday.

“Up to now they haven’t told us whether they are going to give them to us,” Ramirez said. “Other migrants have gotten them and left. All we want to do is keep going.”

Luis Garcia Villagran, a migrant advocate traveling with the caravan, said Mexican authorities have been giving out the equivalent of exit visas, which give migrants one to three months to leave the country.

Theoretically, a migrant carrying such papers will either request asylum or leave Mexico — presumably over the U.S. border — and wouldn’t be sent back to their home country.

Josue Mendoza Rojas and Josmar de Nazaret Cardenas, two other Venezuelan migrants, were in the same situation in Huixtla, trying to decide whether to keep walking.

“It’s all confused,” said Mendoza Rojas said, referring to the fact that migrants had tried to draw up their own lists of who would be in line to get papers. “There are about 40 lists, and some people left without papers.”

The couple left Venezuela two months ago with their 1-year-old child and applied for an asylum appointment in Tapachula.

But they couldn’t get an appointment until August, and without enough money to wait until then, they decided to start walking north.

“We don’t know what we’re going to do yet,” he said.

Venezuelans make up a large proportion of this caravan, the biggest of the year, in contrast to previous ones. A factor appears to be a policy change implemented by Mexico in January requiring Venezuelans to acquire a visa to enter the country.

Before that change, Venezuelans had flown to Mexico City or Cancun as tourists and then made their way comfortably to the border. Many made it from home to the U.S. border in as little as four days.

Unifying vision for Americas proves challenging for Biden

By Chris Megerian
and Josh Boak
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — President Joe Biden tried to present a unifying vision for the Western Hemisphere on Thursday even as the Summit of the Americas has been wracked by divisions and absences that make it hard to bring North and South America together around shared goals on migration, the economy and climate.

The disparities in wealth, governance and national interests mean it is challenging for Biden to duplicate the partnerships he has assembled in Asia and Europe. That has created limited expectations at a summit the United States is hosting for the first time since 1994.

With diplomatic efforts strained by summit boycotts and legislative proposals stranded in a polarized Congress, Biden focused on trying to get corporations and the private sector behind his efforts. His administration hopes the financial ties will help to bridge regional differences while fostering economic growth and greater equality.

“My challenge to all of you is if you step up and play a bigger role in driving inclusive, sustainable, equitable growth in the 21st century, a lot’s going to happen,” Biden said in an address to CEOs. “None of us will be able to fully realize our ambition for the region on our own.”

Before Biden took the stage, the backdrop was an animation that showed fragments of colors flying together to neatly form a map of North and South America. Yet in reality the process has hardly been as synchronized, particularly with the notable summit boycott by Mexico’s president and uncertainty as to whether the right incentives exist for Latin Amer-



President Joe Biden speaks Thursday to corporate CEOs at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles. EVAN VUCCI/AP

ica to draw more closely to the U.S.

“It’s always been difficult to find consensus in Latin America,” said Ryan Berg, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based think tank. “This is a hugely diverse region, and it’s obviously difficult for it to speak with one voice.”

On a busy day of diplomacy, Biden met with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and was scheduled to hold talks with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro.

There was the potential for tension surrounding Biden’s first meeting with Bolsonaro, an ally of former President Donald Trump. Bolsonaro is running for a second term and has been casting doubt on the credibility of his country’s elections, which has alarmed officials in Washington.

When Bolsonaro accepted an invitation to the summit, he asked that Biden not confront him over his election attacks, according to three of the Brazilian leader’s Cabinet ministers who requested anonymity to discuss the issue.

Jake Sullivan, Biden’s national security adviser, rejected the idea that Biden had agreed to any conditions for the meeting with Bolsonaro.

“I do anticipate that the president will discuss open, free, fair and transparent democratic elections,” Sullivan told reporters.

The nature of democracy itself became a sticking point when planning the guest list for the event.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador wanted the leaders of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela to be invited, but the U.S. resisted because it considers them authoritarian. Ultimately Lopez Obrador decided not to attend. Neither did the presidents of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Relations with Latin America have proved tricky for the administration even as it solidifies ties in Europe and in Asia, where China’s rising influence has rattled some countries in the region.

One challenge is the unmistakable power imbalance in the hemisphere.

World Bank data shows that the U.S. economy is more than 14 times the size of Brazil, the next-largest economy at the summit. It sanctions the U.S. and its allies levied against Russia are much harder on Brazil, which imports fertilizer from Russia. Trade data indicates the region has deepening ties with China, which has also made investments there.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Justice Dept. opens civil rights probe into Louisiana State Police

From news services

BATON ROUGE, La. — The U.S. Justice Department is opening a sweeping civil rights investigation into the Louisiana State Police amid mounting evidence that the agency has a pattern of looking the other way in the face of beatings of mostly Black men, including the deadly 2019 arrest of Ronald Greene.

The federal “pattern-or-practice” probe announced Thursday followed an Associated Press investigation that found Greene’s arrest was among at least a dozen cases over the past decade in which state police troopers or their bosses ignored or concealed evidence of beatings, deflected blame and impeded efforts to root out misconduct. Dozens of current and former troopers said the beatings were countenanced by a culture of impunity, nepotism and, in some cases, racism.

“We find significant justification to open this investigation now. ... We received information of the repeated use of excessive force, often against people suspected of minor traffic offenses, who are already handcuffed or are not resisting,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke.

Clark added that there were also reports of troopers targeting Black residents in traffic enforcement and using “racial slurs and racially derogatory terms.”

The federal probe, the first such action against a statewide law enforcement agency in more than two decades, comes more than three years after white troopers were captured on long-withheld body-camera video beating, stunning and dragging Greene on a rural roadside near Monroe.

Despite lengthy, ongoing federal and state criminal investigations into a death

troopers initially blamed on a car crash, no one has been charged.

“This systemic misconduct was blessed by top brass at the Louisiana State Police,” said Alanah Odoms, executive director of the ACLU of Louisiana. She described a “culture of violence, terror, and discrimination” within the agency, calling Greene’s death “the tip of the iceberg.”

Clarke said the probe is aimed at driving needed reforms, if necessary by suing to implement a federal consent decree.

She added that Gov. John Bel Edwards and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, Lamar Davis, have pledged their cooperation.

Davis, in an internal email obtained by AP, told troopers to “hold your heads high” and embrace the federal scrutiny.

Md. workplace shooting: An employee opened fire at a manufacturing business in western Maryland on Thursday, killing three co-workers before the suspect and a state trooper were wounded in a shootout, authorities said.

Washington County Sheriff Doug Mullendore said the three victims were found dead at Columbia Machine Inc. in Smithsburg and a fourth victim was critically injured.

The suspect fled in a vehicle before authorities arrived at the scene and was tracked down by Maryland State Police, Mullendore said. The suspect and a trooper were wounded in an exchange of gunfire, according to the sheriff.

Mullendore said the suspect was a 42-year-old man but declined to release his name.

The sheriff identified those killed as Mark Alan Frey, 50; Charles Edward



A man runs from tear gas fired by police to quell anti-government protesters Thursday in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Also Thursday, Basil Rajapaska, the brother of the country’s president and a former finance minister, said he resigned from Parliament amid mounting criticism of his handling of an economic crisis that’s nearly bankrupted the island nation. **ERANGA JAYAWARDENA/AP**

Minnick Jr., 31; and Joshua Robert Wallace, 30. Mullendore said the wounded victim was Brandon Chase Michael, 42

Pandemic origins: Over two years after the coronavirus was first detected in China, and after at least 6.3 million deaths have been counted worldwide from the pandemic, the World Health Organization is recommending in its strongest terms yet that a deeper probe is required into whether a lab accident may be to blame.

That stance marks a sharp reversal of the U.N. health agency’s initial assessment of the pandemic’s origins, and comes after many critics accused WHO of being too quick to dismiss or underplay a lab-leak theory that put Chinese officials on the defensive.

WHO concluded last year that it was “extremely unlikely” COVID-19 might have come from a lab. Many scientists suspect the coronavirus jumped into people

from bats, possibly via another animal.

Yet in a report released Thursday, WHO’s expert group said “key pieces of data” to explain how the pandemic began were still missing.

UN council election: U.N. member nations elected Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland to join the powerful 15-member U.N. Security Council on Thursday.

While all five countries ran unopposed, they still needed the votes of two-thirds of the 193-member General Assembly.

It will be Mozambique and Switzerland’s first time serving on the council. For Japan, it’s the 12th time, while it’s the third for Ecuador and second for Malta.

The five new members will start their terms on Jan. 1, replacing five countries whose two-year terms end Dec. 31. Those countries are India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway.

Ala. school shooting: A man who tried to enter an Alabama elementary school where a summer program was being held was shot to death by police Thursday, authorities said.

Gadsden City Schools Superintendent Tony Reddick said a “potential intruder” went to several doors trying to get into Walnut Park Elementary School, where a summer literacy program was being conducted for 34 children.

All the exterior doors were locked and the principal contacted the school resource officer when she realized what was happening, Reddick said.

The resource officer confronted a person who attempted to break into a marked police car near the school, according to a statement from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

The person was shot to death after resisting and trying to take the resource officer’s gun, the agency said.

The dead man was iden-

tified as Robert Tyler White, 32, of Bunnlevel, North Carolina.

Fatal Berlin crash: A man accused of driving into a school group in Berlin, killing a teacher and leaving dozens injured, appears to have a history of mental illness, prosecutors said Thursday.

A court ordered the man placed in a secure psychiatric hospital. He faces preliminary charges of murder and 17 counts of attempted murder, prosecutors said.

Investigators found medicines when they searched the man’s apartment, and “a great deal speaks for paranoid schizophrenia” as the suspect’s diagnosis, said Sebastian Buechner, a spokesman for the prosecutor’s office.

Police also found two hand-written placards with “a very general reference” to the long-running dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh region, Buechner said.



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Gas nearing \$5 a gallon in US, reaches record in UK

Experts foresee further increases as supply fears compounded by high demand

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — The average price that Americans pay for gasoline is closing in on \$5 a gallon, another drain on the wallets of consumers who are paying more for many other essentials too.

AAA said the nationwide average for regular Thursday was \$4.97 a gallon, up a quarter in just the last week and \$1.90 more than drivers were paying a year ago.

GasBuddy, a service that helps drivers find deals on gas, said the average surpassed \$5 for the first time ever.

Pump prices have been rising steadily for months, shooting past the \$4 mark in early March. They track the cost of crude oil, which was rising even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine drove oil even higher.

Fears of short supplies are being compounded by demand, which usually picks up around Memorial Day at the end of May — the unofficial start of summer and vacation trips in the United States.

California has the highest average price,

at \$6.40 a gallon, according to AAA. Several other Western states and Illinois are higher than \$5.50.

The lowest average is in Georgia, at \$4.41. While the \$5 mark is new, Americans paid more for gasoline back in July 2008, when inflation is considered. The high of \$4.11 a gallon then would be equal to about \$5.40 a gallon today.

Americans aren't the only ones paying more to fill up. This week, gasoline prices in the United Kingdom hit a record 182.3 pence (\$2.30) per liter, or about \$8.80 per gallon.

Analysts expect prices will keep rising until they get so high that demand falls — nobody knows exactly when or where that might be. In the meantime, any unexpected refinery shutdowns — for example, from a hurricane along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast — could send prices spiraling higher.

"I'm afraid we're not at the end of the road yet," said GasBuddy analyst Patrick De Haan. "We have very little margin for error this summer. We need every barrel of

refining capacity we can get."

The pandemic led to refinery closures that have caused U.S. refining capacity to drop by about 800,000 barrels a day since the start of 2020, according to government figures. That has put pressure on remaining refiners to run hard to meet rising demand.

Refiners have been reluctant to invest in new facilities because the transition to electric vehicles is casting doubt on long-term demand for gasoline. The owner of one of the nation's largest refineries, in Houston, announced in April that it will close the facility by the end of next year.

Pump prices are surging just as consumers try to cope with inflation in the cost of food, housing, cars, airline tickets and other needs and wants. U.S. consumer prices in April were 8.3% higher than a year ago — only slightly better than March inflation, which was the highest since 1981. May figures are due out Friday.

Last month, House Democrats voted for a bill to crack down on what they called price gouging by oil companies, but Republican opposition made Senate approval unlikely.

US ramps up probe of Teslas with Autopilot

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Teslas with partially automated driving systems are a step closer to being recalled after the U.S. elevated its investigation into a series of collisions with parked emergency vehicles or trucks with warning signs.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday that it is upgrading the probe to an engineering analysis, another sign of increased scrutiny of the electric vehicle maker and automated systems that perform at least some driving tasks.

An engineering analysis is the final stage of an investigation, and in most cases NHTSA decides within a year if there should be a recall or the probe should be closed.

Documents posted Thursday by the agency raise some serious issues about Tesla's Autopilot system. The agency found that it's being used in areas where its capabilities are limited, and that many drivers aren't taking action to avoid crashes despite warnings from the vehicle.

NHTSA reported that it has found 16 crashes into emergency vehicles and trucks with warning signs, causing 15 injuries and one death.

Investigators will evaluate additional data, vehicle performance and "explore the degree to which Autopilot and associated Tesla systems may exacerbate human factors or behavioral safety risks undermining the effectiveness of the driver's supervision," the agency said.

The agency found in many cases, drivers had their hands on the steering wheel yet failed to take action to avoid a crash, suggesting they are complying with Tesla's system, the agency wrote. Yet this doesn't necessarily make sure they're paying attention.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Musk to receive raw Twitter data

SAN FRANCISCO — Twitter plans to offer Elon Musk access to its "firehose" of raw data on hundreds of millions of daily tweets in an effort to push forward the Tesla billionaire's agreed-to \$44 billion acquisition of the social media platform, according to multiple news reports.

Lawyers involved in the deal would not confirm the data sharing agreement.

Musk, who struck a legally binding agreement to buy Twitter in April, contends that the deal can't proceed unless the company provides more information about the prevalence of fake accounts on its platform.

The Washington Post first reported Twitter's plan to provide full access, an offer that could blunt Musk's attempts to use the spam bot issue to cast doubt on the deal's future.

ECB to hike rates in July and Sept.

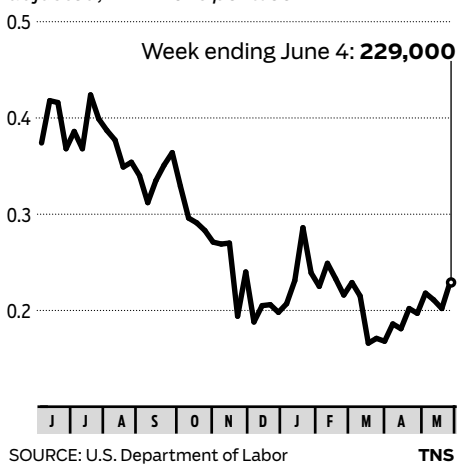
AMSTERDAM — The European Central Bank will raise interest rates next month for the first time in 11 years and add another hike in September, catching up with other central banks worldwide as they pivot from supporting the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic to squelching soaring inflation.

The surprise move Thursday marks a turning point after years of extremely low interest rates but faces risks from weakening prospects for economic growth. Russia's war in Ukraine has sent shock waves through the global economy, particularly as energy prices have soared and clobbered Europe.

The ECB will end its bond purchases and then raise rates by a quarter-point from zero for the lending rate to banks and minus 0.5% on overnight deposits from banks.

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Solar panels on the roof of an off-grid home in Honolulu typify city dwellers who are exploring different ways of living. **CALEB JONES/AP 2015**

Homes, not just homesteads

Off-grid living gaining appeal beyond hardy pioneer types looking to rough it remotely

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

Living off-grid conjures images of survivalists in remote places and a rustic, "Little House on the Prairie" lifestyle with chores from morning to night. Yet only a tiny fraction of people living off-grid do it like that, and fewer still live more than an hour from any town.

"Living off-grid doesn't mean you don't buy your groceries at a store or take your waste to the local dump. It just means you are not connected to utility grids," says Gary Collins, who has lived off-grid, or mostly off-grid, for a decade. He has published books on the subject, and leads online classes.

Although precise numbers of off-grid households are hard to come by, Collins estimates that only 1 percent of those living off-grid are in truly remote areas.

Overall, the off-grid movement remains small. But it got a boost after the COVID-19 pandemic hit: City dwellers began to explore different ways of living, facilitated

by improvements in alternative energy sources like solar power, and batteries for storing that power.

More frequent power outages and utility grids' struggles to handle severe weather events brought on by climate change have added to interest in disconnecting from the grid. So have utility bill hikes.

Today, off-grid living encompasses everything from "dry camping" in RVs (with no electrical or water hookups) to swank Santa Barbara estates, from modest dwellings tucked just outside of towns to — yes — remote rustic cabins.

The Anacapa Architecture firm, in Santa Barbara, California, and Portland, Oregon, has built several upscale off-grid homes in recent years, and has several more off-grid projects in the works.

"There's definitely an increase in traction for this kind of lifestyle, especially in the last two years. There's a desire to get more in tune with nature," says Jon Bang, marketing and PR coordinator for Anacapa Architecture.

The lifestyle that Anacapa homes aim for is one of modernist elegance, not roughing it. Bang says new technologies can ensure comfortable self-sufficiency.

One reason for the high cost of homes like this is that it's expensive to haul equipment

to a remote site. In addition, they might be outfitted with things like solar power, an onsite battery bank, a septic system that treats sewage onsite, a water well, and a dry well to treat and reuse water, not to mention a plumbing system designed to use as little water as possible.

Such homes also are designed to take advantage of the site's landscape with an eye to sustainability. For example, one of the firm's homes is built into a hillside and has a green roof (with plantings). Strategic landscaping can also help with minimizing watering needs.

"For those with means, it opens up building sites that cannot be connected to local grids, and allows for a quieter kind of life, grounded in nature without neighbors nearby," Bang says.

Collins, now living in Arizona, makes regular grocery runs, but also grows some of his own food and hunts wild game. He has his own septic system and well. While his previous home was entirely off-grid, with solar panels and a wind turbine for power, his current home is hooked up to an electrical grid, mainly, he says, because the bills are too low to warrant the cost of solar panels.

If you want to be totally self-sufficient, he says, it takes a lot of time and physical effort.

Biden again aims to cut ocean shipping costs

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden launched a renewed push Thursday to reduce the cost of shipping goods across oceans, a major challenge for retailers that the White House said has pushed up prices as the world emerges from the coronavirus pandemic.

The White House released a video featuring Biden talking with retail CEOs and calling on the House to pass the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022, which the Senate passed at the end of March.

The measure would empower the Federal Maritime Commission to investigate late fees charged by carriers and

prohibit ocean carriers and marine terminals from refusing to fill available cargo space. Biden's broader message is that a concentration of corporate power has contributed to higher shipping costs in ways that hurt businesses and fuel inflation.

The video features Biden sitting in the Oval Office, talking by speaker phone with the heads of Tractor Supply, Jo-Ann Stores and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"There's only nine shipping companies, nine, N-I-N-E, major ocean line shipping companies who ship from Asia to the United States," Biden said. "These companies have raised their prices by as much as 1,000%."

Jo-Ann Stores, a fabric and craft retailer operating in 49 states, has seen a \$100

million increase in shipping costs.

"We're not a huge company, but that \$100 million increase that they passed onto us is, you know, more than our entire profit," Jo-Ann Stores CEO Wade Miquelon told the president in the video.

The White House said that shipping cost increases will likely add a full percentage point to the increase in consumer prices over the next year, according to research by the Kansas City Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank.

Over the past decade, the nine largest ocean carriers have increased their control of the market. They now account for 80% of global container shipping by volume and control 95% of the critical East-West trade lines, the White House said.

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A long war in Ukraine could bring global chaos

By Hal Brands
Bloomberg Opinion

The war in Ukraine has become a brutal, grinding contest of attrition. As the conflict drags on, the question becomes, which side does time favor? Kyiv is betting that its leverage will increase as an isolated Russia faces economic and military ruin. Russian President Vladimir Putin’s wager is that he can devastate Ukraine even with a weakened army, while using the threat of global economic chaos to sever Kyiv’s lifeline to the outside world.

Each side is trying to bleed and batter the other into submission, a dynamic that will fuel far-reaching instability — and present the U.S. with nasty challenges.

In recent weeks, the fighting has occurred primarily in eastern Ukraine. Russia is using hellacious artillery barrages and methodical attacks to slowly seize more territory, in hopes of fully “liberating” the Donbas region. Ukraine is hanging on, inflicting terrible casualties while also suffering, by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s own admission, heavy losses.

Ukraine still has reason for optimism. Its military power is, in important respects,

increasing, as Kyiv receives longer-range artillery and other sophisticated weapons from the West. Some of the world’s top intelligence services are also effectively working for Kyiv, providing information that helps Ukrainian military leaders anticipate the enemy’s blows and strike plenty of their own.

Russia’s military power, in contrast, will probably atrophy in a long war, because Russia’s economy and defense industry are subject to harsh sanctions, and the morale of its forces will fade as casualties mount. As long as Ukraine has most of the world’s advanced democracies behind it, it can plausibly hope to weaken and ultimately break the Russian army.

Yet there are caveats. One is the threat of “Zelenskyy fatigue” — the danger that Western leaders will tire of Kyiv’s requests for money and guns at a time when their own economies are weakening and their own arsenals are being depleted. A recent \$40 billion U.S. support package for Ukraine drew Republican criticism on these grounds. If the costs of the war keep rising, and if Zelenskyy keeps insisting that Ukraine will liberate all the territory Russia has taken since 2014, his foreign

backers may come to see him as not an inspiration but a burden.

That prospect will interact with Putin’s strategy, which involves riding out sanctions while turning Ukraine into a disaster zone. The blockade of Ukraine’s Black Sea ports is making it difficult to export wheat and other goods. The ongoing brutalization of the country has caused a catastrophic economic contraction. Russia can wreck the economy and force Kyiv to make enormous demands on its international supporters for years to come.

Moreover, Putin is using the prospect of global economic carnage as a means of geopolitical coercion. If Ukraine can’t export wheat, countries around the world will suffer. High energy prices are exacerbating recessionary pressures in developed and developing economies alike. By inflicting enough pain, perhaps Putin can peel away reluctant members, such as Germany, from the democratic coalition and make Ukraine sue for peace. Global chaos could help Putin in other ways, too: The longer the war lasts, the higher the chance a major crisis over Iran or Taiwan will pull U.S. attention elsewhere.

This strategy will test Washington. In

response to Moscow’s economic strangulation campaign, the U.S. could use Russian state assets it has frozen to sustain and rebuild Ukraine. Yet that would unavoidably increase global fears about the weaponization of American financial dominance. The U.S. could try to turn the tables on Putin by dialing up economic coercion of Russia. But this would probably require greater use of secondary sanctions — penalizing third parties that do business with Moscow — which would in turn cause greater friction with countries that rely on Russian oil or other exports.

Perhaps most ticklish is the issue of restoring Ukraine’s ability to export. This is crucial to easing the economic shocks the war has caused. Yet it might require taking steps such as escorting Ukrainian ships, “reflagging” them as American, or forcibly opening a secure land or maritime corridor — actions that would project U.S. power into the heart of an ongoing war.

The turmoil that war produces, and the global dilemmas it presents, have only begun.

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Merkel a modern-day Chamberlain?

By Andreas Kluth
Bloomberg Opinion

There she was again, six months after exiting the German chancellery. Relaxed but pensive after long walks on blustering Baltic shores listening to “Macbeth” on audiobook, Angela Merkel had so much on her mind, so much she wanted to explain for posterity. But she didn’t come to offer apologies or mea culpas.

Reflecting on decades of interactions with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Merkel said she’d always known that commerce and dialogue alone wouldn’t turn him into a good neighbor. But what was Germany supposed to do: Ignore the largest country on its continent?

She grasped early on, she recalled, that Putin “hated” democracy and wanted to “destroy” the European Union, which he viewed as a gateway drug to NATO membership for former Soviet Republics like Ukraine, which he considers part of Russia’s — and therefore, his own — sphere of influence.

Merkel conceded that the NATO compromise of 2008 was far from ideal. She had blocked the alliance from starting the long process of making Ukraine and Georgia members, convinced that such a step would have provoked exactly the type of war that Putin is waging now. Besides, she recalled, Ukraine was not yet the country of heroes it has become, but a corrupt place run by oligarchs that many NATO allies wouldn’t have been ready to defend.

The compromise, as she helped hash it out, was to declare that Ukraine and Georgia could join NATO someday, just not now. That left Ukraine disappointed, and Putin livid nonetheless.

Merkel denied that her response was too soft when Putin annexed Crimea in 2014. After all, Russia was kicked out of the Group of Eight, making it the G-7 again. And she helped keep the EU united in first passing, and then renewing, sanctions against Russia. It would have been worse, she said, if some countries had forged ahead with tougher measures, but ended up splitting Europe and the West, which is what Putin wanted and still wants.

And Germany’s army? The country began cutting its defense spending before her time, but much of the demilitarization that its allies have long criticized happened on her watch. And yet, she countered, her party was the only one that wrote the NATO goal of spending 2% of gross domestic product on defense into its platform. Besides, she did increase military spending in recent years. More wasn’t possible with her coalition partners and the public mood at the time.



Then-German Chancellor Angela Merkel is seen near Russian President Vladimir Putin in Ouistreham, France. **SEAN GALLUP/GETTY 2014**

Again and again, Merkel returned to the Minsk agreements of 2014 and 2015. Those were the talks in which she and the president of France, hosted by the leader of Belarus, moderated between Putin and Ukraine’s leader at the time. The result wasn’t pretty. Ukraine had to make big concessions over its eastern parts, the Donbas, in return for a cease-fire that would never really be observed.

And yet, Merkel insisted, these Minsk agreements bought Ukraine valuable time — time it was able to use to prepare for the real Russian onslaught this year. Her heart always beat for Ukraine, she said, but she had a duty to work with the reality on the ground. And Minsk restored calm, at least briefly.

Thoughtful and articulate as she was on this theater stage, she made me think of Neville Chamberlain, and more so the longer she spoke. He was the British prime minister who in 1938 met with Adolf Hitler in Munich, to secure what he hoped would be “peace in our time.”

At that time, the Nazi leader had already remilitarized the Rhineland and annexed Austria, and was preparing to swallow Czechoslovakia, claiming that its ethnic Sudeten Germans were threatened by

“annihilation.” The echoes should have been audible already in Minsk, after Putin had assaulted Georgia, Crimea and Donbas.

Merkel, like Chamberlain, may therefore go down in history as the embodiment of the democratic world’s “appeasement” of a tyrant who — with hindsight — could never have been appeased. Intelligent and sophisticated politicians both, Merkel and Chamberlain will be remembered as going wobbly when they should have drawn a line, as being weak when they should have been strong. In history lessons, Merkel in Minsk will be paired with Chamberlain in Munich.

And yet this verdict of hindsight needs an asterisk. What appears obvious today was far from clear at the time. Hitler might, conceivably, have stopped in Czechoslovakia, without going on to Poland, and then the rest of Europe and Auschwitz. Putin, plausibly, could have sought to rebuild Russia’s reputation and economy rather than turning his country into an international pariah. He might have died or been ousted. Even Merkel couldn’t have foreseen how isolated, physically and mentally, he would become.

Diplomacy isn’t wrong just because

it sometimes fails, Merkel reflected on stage. Overall, she said, she has no regrets, because she couldn’t have tried harder to prevent the tragedy that is now unfolding.

Exactly one year ago, I profiled the then-outgoing chancellor of 16 years, calling her legacy “post-heroic.” That adjective looks even more apt today. And yet, at the time the balance of her achievements was positive. She had been a leader of small steps, but above all a reassuring chancellor who, through successive crises, held together Germany, Europe and sometimes the West. Her meekness and accommodation toward Russia — and China — were no more than footnotes in a multi-chapter tome on leadership.

Putin inverted that narrative, and thus Merkel’s legacy. The footnotes are now the title. Whatever her reasons at the time, Merkel, like Chamberlain, now stands for appeasement. Her most unforgivable failure was that — if she already understood the threat from Putin as she claims — she did not explain the danger to Germans and Europeans. By not communicating, she left the continent unprepared.

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How to handle student loan debt? Here is a better, fairer way

By Rachel Greszler and Lindsey Burke
The Heritage Foundation

President Joe Biden is set to “forgive” \$10,000 worth of student loan debt per borrower, for a total of \$360 billion in loan elimination. This may sound like a neat and easy solution, but the direct result will be to increase inflation, drive college costs even higher, and place lower-cost and more effective education alternatives at a disadvantage.

College is far more expensive than it should be, and many students graduate with significant loan debt. Worse, employers increasingly report that colleges are not equipping students with the education and skills they need in the workplace.

Those are significant problems in need of solutions. But Biden’s plan papers over the fact that government policies are the cause of these problems. Student loan “forgiveness” is morally wrong, economically bad and educationally harmful.

■ Morally wrong: Forgiving a debt could be a morally virtuous act, but forgiveness — by definition — can only come from the one to whom the debt is owed. In the case of federal student loans, that’s the

taxpayer. Biden’s plan is closer to theft than “forgiveness.”

Canceling student loan debt is also incredibly regressive, as individuals with a higher education tend to have the highest earnings. Fifty-six percent of all student loan debt is owned by individuals with advanced degrees, such as doctors, lawyers and engineers. Meanwhile, the much larger group of people in the U.S. — 37% of all adults ages 25 and older — who have a high school degree or less hold no student loan debt at all.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimates that households in the top two income quintiles would receive 57% of student loan “forgiveness,” while those in the bottom two quintiles would receive only 17%. Working-class Americans without college degrees, people who worked their way through school without loans, and those who’ve worked hard to pay off their loans will be the ones paying for others’ student loan “forgiveness.”

■ Economically bad: The economy and inflation are Americans’ top concerns today, and loan forgiveness would hurt both. On top of trillions of new dollars

in federal spending, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimates that 90% of the new consumption induced by student loan forgiveness would lead to price increases instead of economic growth. Boosting the spending of high-income households as the average worker has become \$1,800 poorer over the past year due to inflation is bad economic policy.

■ Educationally harmful: Student loan forgiveness would exacerbate existing problems in the U.S. higher education system. The root cause of problems like college costs more than doubling (in real, inflation-adjusted dollars) over the past two decades, poor graduation rates — with only three in five students completing a four-year degree within six years — and graduates failing to gain the knowledge and skills they need in the workplace is government intervention in higher education.

Forgiveness would likely encourage students to borrow at even higher rates in the future, in anticipation that they, too, would have some portion of their loan balance forgiven. And they could be induced to attend more expensive schools

as well.

Instead of adding another problematic and harmful policy on top of existing ones, federal policymakers should remove current policies that are driving up college costs, increasing student loan debt, and widening the growing skills gap.

Among the solutions in a recent Heritage Foundation report:

- Phasing out federal subsidies for higher education to reduce inflated costs.
- Allowing apprenticeship programs to expand by directing the Department of Labor to revive the nascent but flourishing Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Program.
- Ending failed federal job training programs so that individuals can obtain more effective training from the private sector and better-tailored state and local government initiatives.

Removing problematic policies may not be as politically appealing as “gifting” the most affluent Americans \$10,000 of other people’s money, but it would provide far more good.

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<div>Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve a Title V Operating Permit Renewal</div> <div>Applicant: Hamilton Sundstrand – Collins Aerospace, A Raytheon Technologies Company Application No: 210809753 City/Town: Windsor Locks, CT</div> <div>The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice that a tentative determination has been reached to approve the following application to operate a source regulated under the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. This permit combines all permit conditions and applicable requirements for air pollutant emitting sources at the facility into a single permit. The proposed activity will affect air resources. The Commissioner also gives notice that a hearing may be held on this application if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will best be served thereby, and shall hold a hearing as provided below.</div> <div>Applicant's Name and Address: Hamilton Sundstrand – Collins Aerospace, A Raytheon Technologies Company 1 Hamilton Road, Windsor Locks, CT</div> <div>Contact Name/Phone/Email: Mr. John Petrik, 860-654-3107, john.petrik@collins.com</div> <div>Type of Activity: Renewal of a Title V permit</div> <div>Relevant Statute(s)/Regulation: CGS 22a-174, RCSA section 22a-174-33, CFR Title 40 Part 70</div> <div>Facility Location: Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation, 1 Hamilton Road, Windsor Locks, CT</div> <div>INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from the applicant at the above address. The application, proposed permit and supporting documentation are available for inspection at DEEP Bureau of Air Management, 79 Elm Street, 5th floor, Hartford, CT from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and at other times by appointment. All interested persons are invited to express their views on the tentative determination concerning this application in accordance with RCSA Section 22a-174-2a(c). Any comments concerning the issuance of a Title V permit may be accompanied by a request for a public informational hearing, an adjudicatory hearing, or both. Written comments or a request for a public informational or adjudicatory hearing on the application should be directed to Kevin J. O'Neil, Bureau of Air Management, DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice. This draft Title V permit has also been submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a proposed Title V permit. In accordance with RCSA Section 22a-174-33(n), EPA shall review the proposed permit within 45 days from receipt. The public comment and EPA review periods shall run concurrently. If any substantive changes to federally enforceable applicable requirements are made to the draft Title V permit based on public comment, DEEP will resubmit the proposed permit to EPA for another 45 day review period. Comments regarding this application may be submitted via electronic mail to: kevin.o'neil@ct.gov.</div> <div>PETITIONS FOR HEARING Petitions for a hearing shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this public notice and should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions may also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. In order to facilitate the filing of requests for hearing during the COVID-19 emergency and consistent with the Department's Temporary Directive, the Office of Adjudications will accept electronically-filed petitions in addition to petitions submitted by mail. Petitions with required signatures may be filed by email to the Office of Adjudications at deep.adjudications@ct.gov or mailed to the DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Within thirty (30) days, original petitions that were filed electronically must be also be mailed to the Office of Adjudications at the above-noted address. If the original petition exists only in electronic format or signatures were produced using a computer or typewriter, the petition must be submitted with a statement bearing the wet-ink signature of the petitioner that the petition is only available in that format and has been submitted to satisfy the requirement that an original petition be filed. Additional information can be found at www.ct.gov/deep/adjudications.</div> <div>This notice is required by CGS section 22a-6h and RCSA section 22a-174-33(i)).</div> <div>ADA PUBLICATION STATEMENT The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact kevin.o'neil@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to Barbara Viadella or Cinti Mirabal, DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event. 6/10/2022 7229750</div>	<div>Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority</div> <div>INVITATION FOR CONSTRUCTING PROJECT: CWF 2019-05 Orchard Street Area Sewer Separation Project Orchard Street / Chapel Street / George Street / Sherman Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut</div> <div>Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Director of Finance and Administration of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (Authority) located at 260 East Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511 for PROJECT: CWF 2019-05, Orchard Street Area Sewer Separation Project, Orchard Street / Chapel Street / George Street / Sherman Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, until 10:00 AM Local Time on July 12, 2022 at which time and place said bids will be opened publicly via video conference and read aloud.</div> <div>This project generally consists of the installation of approximately 2,416 linear feet of storm piping ranging in diameter from 10 to 54 inches and 1,140 linear feet of 12-inch sanitary sewer installed by open cut method and 2,955 linear feet of cured-in-place pipe lining from 12-inches to 36-inches.</div> <div>The project also includes the installation of reinforced concrete storm and sanitary sewer structures, installation of infiltrating catch basins, 6-inch and 12-inch PVC lateral piping, and all miscellaneous and other work as may be necessary to successfully complete the project. The Contractor shall fully complete the work stipulated in the Contract Documents within ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN (1,187) consecutive calendar days following Notice to Proceed. The date for completion will be calculated from a date ten (10) days following the date of the Engineer's written notice to proceed.</div> <div>The Information for Bidders, Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications will be available on Friday, June 10, 2022, at the Authority's offices located above address. The Plans and a "bid package" containing the Invitation; Labor Rates; Proposal; Special Specifications and Notes can be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment of One Hundred – Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). Anyone submitting a bid for this project must also have, in their possession, and be listed with GNHWPCA as having purchased a copy of THE GREATER NEW HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, dated September 2017, including all revisions thereto. The document can be obtained upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).</div> <div>A certified check or bid bond, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount must accompany the bid. Said checks or bid bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders upon Award of the Contract to the selected firm and execution of the Agreement. If any bid is not accompanied by a bid bond or check at the specified time for the bid opening, the incomplete bid will not be read, and this action will constitute automatic rejection of the bid.</div> <div>The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond in the form as attached to the Bid Documents for the amount of the total bid. A certified check cannot be substituted for either bond. The Authority reserves the right to alter quantities and to accept or reject any or all bids or any portion of any bids, for any or no reason, including unavailability of appropriated funds as it may deem to be in its best interests.</div> <div>Any Contract awarded under this Invitation to Bid is expected to be funded in part by a loan and grant from the State of Connecticut DEEP Neither the State of Connecticut nor any of its Departments, agencies or employees shall be a party to this Invitation to Bid or any resulting Contract.</div> <div>A voluntary Pre-Bid Conference will be held via video conference at 11:00 AM Local Time on Thursday, June 16, 2022, to be hosted by the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority – Engineering Department. All potential bidders who have purchased the bid package will receive an email in advance with additional Pre-Bid Conference instructions.</div> <div>The deadline for submitting questions is 12:00 noon on Friday June 24, 2022. Questions shall be submitted by email to engineering@gnhwpc.com AND engineering@teamdtc.com.</div> <div>Bidders are required to comply with 40 CFR 33.24 of the USEPA's policy on the increased utilization of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE). The minimum participation rate required by the CTDEEP is 3% of the total Contract price for MBE's and 5% for WBE's.</div> <div>Bidders are required to comply with the affirmative action / equal opportunity employment requirements of all contractors / subcontractors as noted in Governor's Executive Orders No. 3 and 17, included in the Project Manual.</div> <div>Bidders are required to comply with the Davis Bacon Act regarding federal wage rate requirements and the State of Connecticut Prevailing Wage rates. Where there is a conflict between the two requirements, the more stringent shall apply. Bidders/contractors shall be responsible for obtaining the Federal Wage Rates. It is the responsibility of the bidder/contractor to request before opening if necessary, any additional information on Federal and State Wage Rates for those tradespeople who are not covered by the applicable Federal and State Wage Determination but who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.</div> <div>Bidders are required to comply with the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements outlined in the final Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance memorandum dated March 20, 2014, and CT DEEP Revised Clean Water Fund Memorandum (2014-001a) dated May 28, 2015. All bidders are to note that the award of this Contract is subject to the following conditions and contingencies:</div> <div>1. The approval of such governmental agencies as may be required by law. 2. The appropriation of adequate funds by the proper agencies.</div>	<div>Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority</div> <div>INVITATION FOR CONSTRUCTING PROJECT: CWF 2012-04 Yale Campus/Trumbull Street Area Sewer Separation Project: Phase 2 Pearl Street / Lincoln Street / Bradley Street / Whitney Avenue / Sachem Street / Green Infrastructure at Various Locations, New Haven, Connecticut</div> <div>Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Director of Finance and Administration of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (Authority) located at 260 East Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511 for PROJECT: CWF 2012-04, Yale Campus/Trumbull Street Area Sewer Separation Project: Phase 2: Pearl Street / Lincoln Street / Bradley Street / Whitney Avenue / Sachem Street / Green Infrastructure at Various Locations, New Haven, Connecticut, until 10:00 AM Local Time on July 12, 2022 at which time and place said bids will be opened publicly via video conference and read aloud.</div> <div>This project consists of the installation of approximately 6,050 linear feet of 15" to 42" RCP storm sewers, 320 linear feet of 12" PVC sanitary sewers and PVC laterals utilizing open cut excavation, storm and sanitary sewer manholes, and other appurtenances, and surface restoration. The project also includes the installation of green infrastructure components including 22 bioswales, 45 infiltrating catch basins, and 7 bump-out bioswales at various locations. The Contractor shall fully complete the work stipulated in the Contract Documents within FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE (485) consecutive calendar days following Notice to Proceed. The date for completion will be calculated from a date ten (10) days following the date of the Engineer's written notice to proceed.</div> <div>The Information for Bidders, Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications will be available on Friday, June 10, 2022, at the Authority's offices located above address. The Plans and a "bid package" containing the Invitation; Labor Rates; Proposal; Special Specifications and Notes can be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable payment of One Hundred – Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). 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<div>Hartford</div> <div>In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below. 1395 South St Suffield CT 06078 860-668-6153 Space No. B22 Customer Name Jessica Delidart Inventory Hsld gds/Furn And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www. Storage Treasures.com, which will end on Monday 6/27/22 10:00AM Any questions regarding the above information are to be addressed to the manager of this facility at the phone number shown above. 6/8 & 6/10/2022 7227265</div>	<div>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM JUNE 16, 2022</div> <div>A Public Hearing will be held in Hartford City Hall Council Chambers, 550 Main Street, 2nd Floor on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the NAA Proposals submitted to the City for next fiscal year funding. The location of the public hearing is wheelchair accessible. Language interpreter(s) and interpreters(s) for the hearing impaired will be made available if requested in advance.</div> <div>The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) is a program of the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) designed to encourage funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses wishing to make cash contributions to qualifying entities. Up to \$5 million in tax credits will be made available in the State of Connecticut through the 2022 NAA program.</div> <div>City Council approved NAA program proposals will be submitted to the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) before July 1, 2022.</div> <div>On or about September 15, 2022, the State Department of Revenue Services will provide the City of Hartford with a listing of approved program proposals. Between September 15, 2022 and October 1, 2022 area businesses electing to support organizations with approved program proposals must complete and submit an NAA-02 Application Form with the State Department of Revenue Services. Formal approval of any tax credits granted is expected from the Department of Revenue Services in January 2023.</div> <div>For inquiries, please contact Ronnie Vazquez, NAA Liaison, at (860) 757-9284 or via email at Ronnie.Vazquez@hartford.gov.</div> <div>The Neighborhood Assistance Act Program is authorized as per Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S., 12-631, 12-638) and the State Act 95-268. 6/7/6/16/22 7227904</div>	<div>TOWN OF ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS</div> <div>REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE 048012 ORLANDO DRIVE OVER BEEMANS BROOK ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06082</div> <div>CONTRACT NO. 21-6</div> <div>June 10, 2022</div> <div>Sealed proposals for the project named above will be received at the office of the Director of Finance until 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Thereafter, proposals will be opened in public and read aloud or opened and read aloud pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders. Responses received after this date and time will not be accepted.</div> <div>Beginning Friday, June 10, 2022, specifications and proposal documents may be obtained from the Engineering Office on the second floor of Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT. A fifty dollar (\$50) non-refundable deposit is required for each set of printed documents or electronically, at no cost, by email request to jcabibbo@enfield.org. Any questions concerning the project named above should be directed to the Engineering Office at (860) 253-6366.</div> <div>The payment of current prevailing wage rates established by State and Federal Department of Labor for various labor classifications shall be paid to workers on this Project.</div> <div>This contract is subject to State set-aside and contract compliance requirements.</div> <div>The Town of Enfield reserves the right to accept or reject any, all, or any part of proposals, to waive any formalities or informalities, and to make an award that is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.</div> <div>Prospective proposers must have a current sworn Statement (CON-16) on file with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and be prequalified to perform Group No. 8 (Minor Bridges) work. The Proposer's Prequalification documents must be signed by CTDOT Contracts Manager shall be included as part of the proposal package submitted to the Municipality.</div> <div>John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance 6/10/22 7230133</div>	<div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>TOWN OF BERLIN INVITATION TO BID Water and Sewer Repairs Bid# 2022-37</div> <div>The Town of Berlin Water Control Commission is seeking proposals for furnishing labor and equipment to perform routine repairs, emergency repairs and minor construction, for the Town water and sewer systems during the 2023 and 2024 Calendar Year (July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024). This is a 2.5-year contract with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2022.</div> <div>One (1) original and one (1) copy of proposals will be accepted at the Public Works Office, Room 120, Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037 until, but no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, June 27, 2022 at which time they will be publicly opened and recorded.</div> <div>Bidder information is available on the Town's website at http://www.town.berlin.ct.us under Departments, Purchasing, Current Bids & RFP's; or at the Purchasing Agent's Office, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037. Each proposer is responsible for checking the Town's website to determine if the Town has issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the RFP as modified by the addenda.</div> <div>The Town of Berlin is an Equal Opportunity Employer; Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. The Town reserves the right to amend or terminate this RFP reject all bids, and award the contract to the proposer that is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.</div> <div>Arosha Jayawickrema Town Manager 6/10/22 7230268</div>
<div>Connecticut</div> <div>Subcontractor/Supplier Bids Wanted - Project consists of roofing in East Hartford. We are looking for bids for GAF Roofing Materials, Dumpster and Carting Services, GAF Certified Roofing Installers, and Sanitation Services for Rental of Portable Toilets. MBE/ WBE/DisBE Encouraged to Provide Pricing. Bid documents available upon request. (203) 839-1368 or via email AVT111@aol.com. Bids will be received until 06/18/2022. This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements. AA/EOE. 6/9/22, 6/10/22 7229048</div>	<div>NOTICE OF REFERENCE – TOWN OF BOLTON</div> <div>Pursuant to Section 8.5(3) of the Bolton Town Charter, electors and others qualified to vote at referendum in the Town of Bolton are hereby warned of a referendum to be held in the aforesaid Town of Bolton at the Parish Center at St. Maurice Church, 32 Hebron Road, Bolton, CT, on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, from 6 AM to 8 PM. The purpose of this referendum is to vote yes or no on the following question: "SHALL THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BOLTON CONNECTICUT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,517,598 BE ADOPTED?" Voting machines will be used. Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.</div> <div>Elizabeth C. Waters Town Clerk of Bolton 6/10/22 7230167</div>	<div>PUBLIC AUCTION ABANCONED/ UNCLAIMED VEHICLE</div> <div>2011 CHEVROLET MALIBU VIN #1G1ZB5E18BF231222 , 2010 INFINITI G-37X VIN# JN1CV6EL2AM153142,2009 FORD EDGE VIN # 2FMDK49C59BA71363 , 2009 HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCR3F89J2202049 WILL BE AUCTIONED AT METRO AUTOBODY & TOWING,INC 722 WETHERSFIELD AVE HARTFORD, CT ON JUNE 10,2022 AT 2:00 PM. PLEASE CONTACT CONNIE AT 860-947-3062 WITH ANY QUESTION 6/8, 6/9, 6/10/2022 7228608</div>	
<div>Laura Sanchez Unit 1521 Pablo Figueroa Unit 1623</div>	<div>ExtraSpace Storage, 56 Pameacha Ave, Middletown,CT 06457 860-575-7610 June 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM</div>	<div>Invitation to Bid New Units @ Sarum Village, Salisbury, CT.</div> <div>New construction of 6 buildings, 10 apartments, 11,500 sq. ft. Project is Tax Exempt, Non-wage rates & subject to CHRO Set Aside Requirements. Email bids due June 30 at 3pm to: vbrangan@asecondinoandson.com for plans & specs as well. A. Secondino and Son, Inc Is an Affirmative Action & Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Bids from small, minority, women & Section 3 Businesses 6/10, 6/11, 6/12/2022 7230441</div>	
<div>Contents to be sold on the premises of 311 W Main Street, Meriden, CT 06451 on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 on Storageauctions.com and closed out at 9:00AM. Purchases to be paid for at the time of purchase, a \$100.00 deposit by debit or credit card ONLY, will be needed on EACH room purchased. U-HAUL reserves the right to bid or purchase any lot or space. Auction service provided by www.storageauctions.com. Absolutely NO U-Haul Storage customers, or their family or friends on their behalf, whose units are listed in auction, may participate in any auction proceedings. You MUST contact Marketing Company Storage Manager, Joy St. Pierre, for an appointment to purchase any units won online in auction. All persons will be turned away from the location without an appointment. Contact Joy St. Pierre with any questions or concerns at Joy_StPierre@hual.com 6/10 & 6/11/22 7230374</div>	<div>Emamm Galvin Unit#3017 Household Items</div>	<div>Steve Dale's PET WORLD Sundays in Smarter Living</div>	
<div>Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 70 E Main St, Stratford, CT 06614, June 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Diana York, 5278, Two couch, Plastic Bins, Victoria Lidman, 5115, Clothing and Household Items, Nikole Moya, 2105, Extra Bins with Blankets. Josue Gotay, 1028, Household Items and Furniture, Oliver Wright, 1058, Boxes, Furniture. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 6/10/2022 7230685</div>	<div>7228890</div>	<div>Car Reviews Saturdays in MOTORING</div>	



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Buckingham, Jr.
Donald J. Pellerin

Ellington

Evelyn Merrill

Enfield

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Glastonbury

Harold C.
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Hartford

L.B. Mickens
Donald J. Pellerin

Newington

Rhoda L. Gorfain
June A. Lackenbach

Other Towns in CT

Richard Claus
David Mcchesney

Simsbury

Anthony M. Sledesky

Southington

Shirley White

Storrs

David Mcchesney

Windsor Locks

Robert P. Anderson

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

McChesney, David



David Lewis McChesney, beloved husband, father, brother, friend, and optimist, died at home with his family as he had requested. A virulent cancer was discovered on May 8th and he won his eternal reward on June 4, 2022. David was born in Springfield, MA, on February 5, 1942, the second of five children of the late Herbert and Charlotte (Miller) McChesney. He was a graduate of Ludlow High School in Massachusetts, earned a BFA from Utah State University, and a teaching certificate from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He taught for two years in California, after which he and his wife, Judy, spent four exciting years teaching at the Joint Embassy School in Jakarta, Indonesia, and traveling throughout Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Back in the States, he earned a Master of Library Service at Rutgers, and was employed as a Business Reference Librarian at the University of Connecticut in Storrs for 27 years.

Dave and his family traded Dave's job, their home and their car with a British librarian from Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1987. They lived in England and traveled in Great Britain for 13 wonderful months. Traveling internationally remained a life-long love, and was what first attracted Dave and Judy to each other. Dave loved motorcycles, and in 2010 he drove his Honda cross-country and back, followed by Judy and his father-in-law, John Cignoni: six adventurous weeks seeing the country and visiting family and friends. After retiring, he pursued his interest in flying, piloting small planes as a student aviator. When he realized his insurance rate as a certified pilot, he switched to building and flying model aircraft. He was a long-time volunteer at the Ramsay Research Library at the New England Air Museum, serving as director of library volunteers for many years. His religious life was centered on St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel in Storrs where he and Judy worshipped for 43 years.

David was a devoted and loving husband to his wife Judy, and a terrific Dad to his son, Michael (Lisa), and daughter, Megan. Also left to cherish his memory are his brothers, Charles (Ruth Ann), and Robert (Connie), sisters, Martha Pike (Tony) and Susan Dupont (Bill), sister-in-law Patricia Losito (Chuck), many nieces and nephews, and a cadre of long-time friends with whom he bicycled, Sunday-suppered, flew model planes and laughed often. His family and friends were the core of a rich and loving life, one he genuinely appreciated and prized.

Family and friends are invited to gather at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson Street, Willimantic, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2022. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel on the UConn campus, 46 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with interment to follow in Storrs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage donations to Windham Area Interfaith Ministry, 866 Main Street, Willimantic, 06226 or the American Cancer Society. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Sledesky, Anthony Michael



Anthony Michael Sledesky, beloved husband of Anne Wilkins and beloved father of Justin, Ellery, Jack, and Avery Sledesky, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in Hilton Head, SC on May 31, 2022. Born in Hartford, CT on February 14, 1965, to Stephen and Louise (Geiger) Sledesky, Tony grew up in East Hartford attending both public and

parochial schools, including East Catholic High School and The University of Connecticut. He went on to work as an information technology consultant at Putnam Investments in Boston, MA before becoming an investor and stay-at-home dad. Tony met the love of his life, Anne Wilkins, while in high school and they were inseparable for almost forty years. Together they traveled the world, rode motorcycles, and enjoyed life together. On September 30, 1995, Tony married Anne and they started their family in Milton and Cohasset, MA before making their home most recently in Franklin, TN (and Hilton Head, SC). Tony was a loving father to his four children, actively involved in their school, sporting and other activities. He loved to make homemade pierogis with the family for Christmas, even making the essential farmer's cheese which could not be found when first moving to Tennessee. Tony had the best music playlist of the entire family, creating the soundtrack to their lives.

Tony gathered friends wherever he went, enjoyed early adopting the latest technology, and was always willing to talk about politics, religion, or any other taboo topic. He could fix anything and lent a hand to anyone in need. Tony enjoyed sports, having played baseball from Little League through High School. He turned to golf in his more recent years where he was very active with his golf club and league, often playing three to four times a week, walking the course every time. Tony was an avid Boston Red Sox, Nashville Predators, and all things Tesla fan.

Predeceased by his mother, Louise Sledesky and his father-in-law Charles Wilkins, Tony leaves behind his wife and four children; his father Stephen Sledesky and companion Donna Fasset of Enfield, CT; his two younger brothers, Rev. Stephen Sledesky, Jr. of Simsbury, CT and David Sledesky of Glenville, NY; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Wilkins of Franklin TN; his sister-in-law Peggy Wilkins and her family of Chattanooga, TN, his brother-in-law Mark Wilkins and his family of Cambridge, MA; uncle George Mailloux and his wife Shirley of Leland, NC; Keith Mailloux and his wife Paula of North Kingstown, RI; Kathy Sedga; Michael Mailloux and his wife Sandy; Lisa Spofford and her husband Todd; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and their families.

There will be a Memorial Service and Celebration of Life at 7pm CDT on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Westhaven Golf Club, Franklin, TN. Please RSVP at everloved.com/life-of/anthony....

In lieu of flowers, please post sentiments and photos at everloved.com/life-of/anthony.... Donations can be made in Tony's name to the American Heart Association at heart.org. www.cookfuneralhomect.com

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OBITUARIES

Anderson, Robert P.



Robert Paul Anderson, 82, longtime resident of Windsor Locks, entered into Eternal Peace on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital. Robert was born on December 3, 1939, in Hartford, the son of the late Timothy and Mary (Titus) Anderson. He attended Buckley High School in Hartford and went on to further his studies at the University of Hartford where



he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Business. Robert proudly served our country in the United States Army from 1959-1962 with the 2nd Armored Division. Following his time in the service he enjoyed a long career of 40 years as a project manager F100 fighter engine with Pratt and Whitney. The highlight of his career was the three years he spent in Belgium working to deliver F-16 fighter planes to NATO countries. Robert was an avid NY Yankees fan, loved going for drives in his convertible and Formula 1 racing. He enjoyed trips to Las Vegas where he had made many fond memories. Robert is survived by his beloved children, Robert Anderson and his wife, Sharon, of Somers, and Patricia Ridzon and her husband, John, of Ellington; his grandchildren of whom he adored, Zach Anderson and his wife, Christine, Mackenzie Anderson and her fiancé, Phil Perrella, Kyle Ridzon and his fiancée, Jesse Bailey, and Nathan Ridzon. He is also survived by his companion, Donna Jasiecki. In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by his wife, Carol Anderson in 2011. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours from 9:30 – 10:30 am on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St, Windsor Locks. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am at St. Mary Church, 42 Spring St, Windsor Locks. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Robert may be made to the Rockville Elks Lodge 1359, 9 N. Park St, Rockville, CT 06066. To leave online condolences please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com

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Claus, Richard



Richard "Dick" Edward Claus, Sr., 97, of Willington, CT, husband of the late Joyce Elaine Lee Claus, passed away on May 31, 2022. He was born on May 10, 1925 in Hartford, CT, raised on a tobacco farm by his parents, the late Edward R. and Amelia Kocum Claus. Dick served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II as a marksman and machine gunner in the 703rd anti-aircraft artillery earning a victory medal. He retired as a telephone installer with Southern New England Telephone Company. Farming was in his blood growing sweetcorn and strawberries, plus he had a real passion for breeding champion Simmental cattle as well as training Labrador retrievers. He also served as Willington's Animal Control Officer for many years. A devoted, loving husband throughout their 68 years of marriage, and a guiding, inspirational, loving father. As a proud father, he is survived by his three children, Richard E. Claus, Jr. (Nora), James R. Claus (Susan), Deborah Slayton (Marvin); four grandchildren, Nora Bergeron (Mike), Heidi Morey (Scott), Justin Claus and Mitchel Claus; as well as four great grandchildren, Ashlynn, Jackson, Michaela and Colton. He also leaves behind a close family friend, Becky Sinoski and her son Evan. To Dick, spending time with his family and friends was the most important thing in the world and nothing made him prouder than celebrating their accomplishments. In lieu of gifts or flowers, Dick and family would ask for donations to be made to the Tolland County 4-H, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066, or to the Willington Hill Fire Department, 24 Old Farms Rd., Willington, CT 06279. Burial services, as well as a celebration of Mom and Dad's lives together, will be held at a future date. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To view the full obituary, or to leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Merrill, Evelyn (Morton)



Evelyn Morton Merrill, of Ellington, CT, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2022. She was 86 years old. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Merrill, and her son Craig Merrill and his wife, Brenda. She was the beloved grandmother of Christopher Merrill and his wife, Meredith and their daughter Charlie, Patrick Merrill and his wife,

Grace Srinivasan, Kevin Merrill and his fiancé, Kenzie Spears. She was the cherished sister of the late Beverly (Morton) Cochran and her husband, Richard, and the cherished Aunt to Sandy (Cochran) Hawkins and her husband, Jeffery, and Susan (Cochran) Wolff and her husband, Rick.

Evelyn was born in Worcester, MA, daughter to the late Creighton and Sylvia (Valva) Morton. She grew up in Worcester, though the family also spent some time in Nassau, Bahamas, where her father served in the Armed Forces. She would remember walking to the beach daily.

Music was a large part of family life. She studied piano at a young age and voice during her years in high school and through college. She graduated from William Smith in 1957.

Evelyn was married from 1957 to 1983 to George Merrill. They lived in West Hartford, New York, Bloomfield, CT, and eventually settled in Baltimore where they raised their children and enjoyed, cooking, gardening, and sailing with friends and family. She was a long-time member of the Harford Choral Society, in Harford County, Maryland. Following her divorce in 1983, she moved to Ellington, CT, where she lived for the next 38 years and working for Aetna Life and Casualty for 14 years before her retirement. She loved the fall season in New England and especially the apples. She was a life-long, active member of the Episcopal Church, where she would enjoy participating in choir and serving the church in different capacities. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in South Windsor, CT.

A memorial service officiated by Rev. Anne Fraley will be held at St. Peter's Church located at 99 Sand Hill Road in South Windsor, CT on Saturday June 18th at 10:00 am.

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Gorfain , Rhoda L

The family mourns the loss of Rhoda L. Gorfain of Farmington, formerly of Newington who died Wednesday, June 8, 2022. She was predeceased by her husband Perry Gorfain, her long time love of many years, and her daughter Ilene Gorfain. Born in Norwich, CT she was the daughter of the late Irving and Jennie Levy. She leaves her two daughters Jenelle G. Sujat and her husband Richard of Taverier, FL, and Elyse G. Banak and her husband Steven of Holliston, MA. She was the proud grandmother (Mimi) of Alexa Sujat and her husband Max Goliger, Peyton Sujat, Julianna Banak, Carolyn Banak, and Heath Banak. She also leaves her caretaker and companion, Blossom. She was a graduate of UCONN and Central Connecticut State University. She had a career as a social worker, teacher, and then administrator of the Cromwell School System. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed. Her family wants to express their gratitude to all of the aides that have worked with her through the years. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to HARC or the Parkinson's Foundation or donor's choice. May her memory be a source of strength and a blessing. There will be a graveside funeral service June 10th at 12:00PM at Beth Alom Cemetery, New Britain, CT.

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Mickens, L.B. "Shag"



L.B. "Shag" Mickens, 72, of Hartford, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 3, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Brooksville, MS on November 3, 1949, son of the late Albert and Rosa Lee (Jackson) Mickens, he was raised in Brooksville, MS and was a graduate of B.F. Liddell High School. He leaves two children, Priscilla Jones of

Mount Morris, MI and Sean Howard of Port Matilda, PA; four grandchildren, Ashley Harrison, Melvin Louis Johnson, Jr., and Cymone and Terrence Howard; two great-grandchildren, Quawndrall Davis and Makhia Smith; and seven siblings, Anna Lee Logan, Marie Cook and her husband Robert, Emmett Mickens, Phillip Mickens and his wife Linda, Peggy Jackson and her husband Brian, Joseph Mickens and his wife Emilis, and Delois Mickens. He also leaves his stepchildren and their families, many nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his second and first wives, Vivian (Purry) Mickens and Gladys (Howard) Mickens; seven brothers; and six sisters. His family will receive friends on Monday, June 13, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service at 11 a.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to the Saint Francis Foundation, Attn: Smilow Cancer Center at St. Francis, 95 Woodland St., 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06105. For online condolences, to read the complete obituary, and to view the service live or after Monday, June 13th at 11 a.m., please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Pellerin, Donald J

Donald (Don) Joseph Pellerin - 86 passed away on 5/27/22. Donald was born in Hartford, CT on 1/30/36 to Phillip Pellerin and Marie (Cormier) Pellerin. Don was a veteran Marine. Don was a machinist throughout his career and eventually owned his own company. Don enjoyed playing his guitar and singing country music with his family. Don is survived by his wife Paula of 37 yrs. He is also survived by his children: Laura & (John) Griffin of GA, Alan & (Maria) Pellerin of CT, Robin & (George) Miller of CT, Wendy & (Robert) Cooke of CT, Vicki Evonson of NC and former spouse & friend Jane Pellerin. He was an amazing stepfather to Chris Roberts and Jennifer Roberts of CT and wonderful grandfather to his three children, Alexa, Nicholas and Keira and Jennifer's children, Ryan and Julie. Don is predeceased by his parents & siblings and also his son Donald Pellerin, Jr. and stepdaughter Jennifer Roberts. Donald leaves behind 28 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren. The family would like to thank the staff of the Govenor's House Services and burial will be private

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Lackenbach, June A.(Fenold)



June A. (Fenold) Lackenbach, 95, of Newington, died peacefully on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, with her loving family at her side. She was the beloved wife for 73 years of Richard H. Lackenbach. Born in New York City, NY, June was raised in the Bronx and resided in Newington since 1963. She was an extraordinarily good cook, loved to can vegetables

and enjoyed creating ceramics projects. Her world revolved around her husband and family and she loved being surrounded by them. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she was devoted to her two sons Robert Lackenbach and his wife Susan of Enfield, and Craig Lackenbach and his wife Kimberly of Newington; her grandchildren, Brett Lackenbach and his wife Olivia of Springfield, MA, Casey Lackenbach of Enfield, Jessica Ziff and her husband Joel of South Windsor, and Cara Crespo and her husband Stefan of Wethersfield; and great grandchildren Calvin, Flynn and Kendall. She also leaves her sister Marilyn Amodio, her niece Debra Hunker and husband James, and their son Dr. James Hunker, all of the Bronx, NY. She was pre-deceased by a niece Caryn Amodio.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. To share your sorrow with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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Buckingham, Jr., Harold Canute



Harold Canute Buckingham, Jr., 91, of Seabury, Bloomfield, CT died on June 5, 2022 at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital with his three children comforting him as he completed his journey and joined his wife and soulmate, Joyce Chesebro Buckingham, in heaven. He was born on November 3, 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, PA to the late Reverend Harold and Dorothy (Coats) Buckingham. Harold moved to Oneonta, NY in 1937 and attended the Oneonta Public Schools. He was a boarder student at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Kingston, PA, for his junior and senior high school years, graduating in 1948. He was a graduate of Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT Class of 1952 and University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA Class of 1957. He was also an honorary member of Oneonta High School Class of 1948. Harold served in the Korean conflict from 1952 to 1954 in the 24th Infantry Division, 34th Regiment. He was present for the truce on July 27, 1953 and participated in the subsequent exchange of prisoners of war at Panmunjom. On September 11, 1954, one day after returning from Korea, Harold married Joyce, also of Oneonta, whom he had known since he was 7 and she 5. The couple lived in Charlottesville, VA from 1954 to 1957 while Harold attended law school and moved to Hartford, CT in 1957. They lived in Hartford and West Hartford before moving to Glastonbury, CT where they resided for 45 years. Their latest residence has been at the Seabury Retirement Community in Bloomfield, CT where they have enjoyed living since 2011. For the past 50 years, Harold has thoroughly enjoyed vacationing, in summer and especially winter, with his family and friends at Kezar Lake, Lovell, Maine. Harold practiced law for over 50 years at Day, Berry & Howard, LLP (now Day Pitney) in Hartford, CT. Even though he was a partner at a large firm, he always considered himself to be a country lawyer. Harold was a member of the United Methodist Church of Hartford for 30 years, where he was active in the church leadership and was a member of the choir. For the past 30 years, he has been a member of Center Church Hartford where he has played a major role in that church's building preservation and financial strength. Harold supported numerous educational institutions, acting as Trustee and board member at Wyoming Seminary, Wesleyan University, and the former Hartford College for Women and as a Corporator of the Hartford International University. He also mentored and contributed to countless charitable and civic organizations, including, as director of the Bushnell Park Foundation, the YMCA of Greater Hartford and YMCA Camp Woodstock, Connecticut Community Care, as Trustee of the Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation, and as president of the Civitan Club of Hartford. He served Glastonbury as chairman of its Zoning Board of Appeals, and the vice chairman of its Housing Authority. He was an avid sports enthusiast and might be found watching any game or any team that happened to be playing, but was most passionate about his teams; The Boston Red Sox, The New York Giants and UConn Women's Basketball. He also loved researching historical and genealogical facts and was known to frequent ancient and secluded burial grounds. Harold is survived by his three children, Margaret L. Buckingham, of Dover, NH, Harold C. Buckingham, III, of Marlborough, MA, and Janet C. Buckingham, of Ballston Lake, NY, and his six grandchildren, Brian Eller (Kelley), Ashley Eller, Timothy Buckingham, Matthew Buckingham (Candace), Courtney Round and Shannon Round, of all of whom he was enormously proud. He is also survived by a special "surrogate" granddaughter, Anne Kabagambe, of Uganda and Washington, DC. He was predeceased by his wife, his parents, his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Buckingham and Roger W. Williams, his brother, Robert C. Buckingham, MD (Thelma) and his first wife, Carol Whiting Buckingham, and his brother, Walter W. Buckingham (Anne). For those wishing to pay tribute to Harold, in lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to either the 1636 Heritage Partnership, Inc., 60 Gold Street, Hartford, CT 06103, dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Hartford's third oldest surviving building, the 1807 Meeting House of Center Church, Hartford. Or to Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, Alumni and Development Office, 201 North Sprague Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704. There will be a memorial service for Harold at Center Church, 675 Main Street, Hartford (across from the Wadsworth Athenaeum) at 11 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Further details will be published closer to the date. For those wishing to greet the family, calling hours will be held at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford on Thursday, July 21 from 6 PM to 8 PM and Friday, July 22 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com The family would like to thank the amazing staff of Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, unit 5.2 and the Palliative Care team for the excellent and compassionate care provided during the last month of our Dad's life.

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




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Silver Lane project gets another win

Proposed East Hartford complex may bring over 400 upscale apartments to dilapidated corridor

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

East Hartford planners on Wednesday gave a key approval for redevelopment of a 26-acre property that could transform the Silver Lane corridor and bring nearly 440 upscale apartments to town.

In a half-hour presentation, the partnership of Zelman Real Estate and Jasko Development announced the enormous project will have

eight buildings with three and four stories along with a 10,000-square-foot amenities center with gym and pool.

Brian Zelman, one of the partnership's principals, said some of the project's theming will be a tribute to aviation in recognition of Pratt & Whitney's pivotal role in East Hartford's history.

"We've been working on this project for 18 months. We're calling it Concourse Park — it embodies

the excitement and possibilities of air travel," Zelman told the planning and zoning commission Wednesday night.

"There will be seven residential buildings with upwards of 439 apartments with a mix of studios, one- two- and three-bedrooms, and a very large amenity building," Zelman said.

"This is going to be a premiere live, work and play community," he said. "Lifestyles have really changed — people are spending more time where they live. We're trying to

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An artist's rendering shows the new apartment complex planned for the Showcase Cinemas site in East Hartford. CITY OF EAST HARTFORD/ COURTESY

Revised charter heads to Council

Proposal sent despite disagreements over police commission

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Despite allegations that some of its members held side meetings to ensure certain measures weren't adopted, the Charter Revision Commission has forwarded a proposed revised charter to the Hartford City Council for consideration at the council's next meeting on Monday.

The proposed changes, which were summarized in a letter to Town and City Clerk Noel McGregor and Council President Maly Rosado, include:

- Aligning the Board of Education's election cycle with that of the mayor, city treasurer and city council.
- Clarifying what the council is empowered to do with respect to the budget, approving contracts and settlements, and engaging in governmental oversight.
- Creating the positions of director of legislative services and budget analyst, to be appointed and overseen by the council.
- Setting up a compensation structure for the city treasurer allowing for periodic adjustments in compensation in an amount equal to \$6,000 less than the mayor. This provision is an effort to remove compensation of city employees out of the political arena.
- Attempting to establish uniformity in the ways boards and commissions are created with respect to the number of members; terms; the need for chairs and other officers; minority party representation; quorum

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Kloter's features about 20 flavors of hard ice cream, along with soft serve, in a variety of cones, cups and milkshakes. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Searching for a sweet treat?

Bananagram, Coffee Fudge, Georgia Peach and more: 20 local spots to visit for ice cream

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

Whether your preference is a cup or cone, one scoop or two, a sundae or a shake, there's probably an ice cream shop in your Connecticut town or nearby that has something to please your sweet tooth.

We've gathered a short list of 20 ice cream destinations in and around the Greater Hartford area to satisfy your next craving.

- Avon:** J. Foster, 4 Bailey Road, makes ice cream, gelato, sorbet, sherbet and frozen yogurt, as well as custom cakes and pies. Its newest flavor is Amazing Grace's Banana Bread. Open Sunday to Thursday noon to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday noon to 9:30 p.m. jfostericecream.com. 860-676-2663.
- Bloomfield:** Bloom Hill Farm, 696 Cottage Grove Road, is open Tuesday to Sunday 1 to 9 p.m. selling Praline's ice cream. The newest flavor is Birthday Cake. Nondairy varieties also are available. facebook.com. 860-243-0511.
- Bristol:** Rich Farm Ice Cream at Minor's Farm, 409 Hill St., is open daily noon to 8 selling ice cream and waffle cones, both made on site. Special flavors for June are Brown Cow (chocolate with brownie dough pieces), Purple Cow (black raspberry with dark chocolate chunks) and Cowabunga (coconut with pineapple). Also for sale are pot pies, baked goods and Hosmer Mountain soda. richfarmbristolct.square.site. 860-261-4486.

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Day Kimball deal raises concerns on reproductive health

If OK'd, new owners would eliminate some services in Putnam

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy is raising questions about a proposed deal between Massachusetts-based Catholic health system Covenant Health and Day Kimball Hospital in rural Putnam.

If the deal were approved, the new owners would eliminate some reproductive health services at the hospital.

Under the terms of the deal, Covenant Health would acquire Day Kimball, bringing the struggling rural health care system into its larger network and absorbing tens of millions of dollars of its debt. Day Kimball is one of the few remaining independent hospitals in the state, and it has performed poorly financially relative to other Connecticut hospitals in recent

years.

But the acquisition by a Catholic health system would mean Day Kimball has to adhere to the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, or ERDs, which limit services related to reproductive health, emergency contraception, fertility, gender-affirming, end-of-life and other care. A similar proposal by Waterbury Hospital a decade ago fell apart after opposition from women's reproductive rights advocates.

Covenant and Day Kimball

announced their agreement late last year. This April, Day Kimball filed a 726-page application with the state — known as a "certificate of need" — seeking the Office of Health Strategy's approval for the transfer of ownership.

On May 27, OHS responded, asking for additional information from the two hospitals on several aspects of the application — among them, the ERDs.

OHS asked how Day Kimball will ensure access to services that are terminated as a result of

adopting the ERDs; whether Day Kimball would provide referrals and transportation for patients seeking those services; and which other Day Kimball entities — the system includes home and hospice care operations, a medical group and four health centers — will be subject to changes in policies and procedures under Covenant.

The letter also inquired about cost and quality, limits to women's health services at another

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SOUTHINGTON

Student’s phone leads to school lockdown

Southington High School was put into secure mode Thursday morning following a report of a student with a gun, which turned out to be a cellphone, according to Southington Lieutenant Keith Egan.

Southington police were called to the school around 10 a.m. after a student reported to the school’s administration that they thought they saw another student with a gun, according to Egan. The school went into a secure school mode with an immediate response from the Southington Police Department.

After conducting an internal investigation and checking video surveillance, the school administration quickly identified the student and determined that the object was a cellphone, not a gun, Egan said. The school day then resumed as scheduled.

Police said the 17-year-old student in question had made a gesture to mimic “racking a round,” which allowed the phone to be perceived as a weapon, Egan said.

The student was issued a juvenile summons, charged with breach of peace and released to their parent, according to police. The school is considering further discipline.

— Mike Mavredakis

MERIDEN

Police probing bullet hole at Maloney High

The Meriden Police Department is investigating a bullet hole discovered in a third-floor window at Maloney High School last week.

School staff discovered what looked like a bullet hole in a window while conducting routine window inspections on June 2. Police began their investigation on Monday when they were notified of the damage.

While investigating Monday, detectives found a small-caliber projectile was lodged into pipe insulation at Maloney, according to a release from the Meriden Police Department.

It is unknown when the incident took place, police said. They have not received any recent calls in the area and there is no known video footage capturing the incident, according to the release.

The case is currently under investigation by school resource officer Markhugh Arscott and detectives. Anyone with information can contact Arscott at 203-630-6201 or marscott@meridenct.gov.

— Mike Mavredakis

HAMDEN

Driver who struck father, child sought

Hamden police are looking for the driver and the vehicle that struck a man carrying his infant as they crossed Dixwell Avenue in Hamden on Thursday morning.

The driver first hit a vehicle around 8:30 a.m. near Dixwell and Hillcrest Avenues, according to the

Hamden Police Department. The driver then began driving in circles “erratically” before heading southbound on Dixwell Avenue, striking a pedestrian who was holding his infant while crossing the street.

The father sustained “serious but non-life threatening injuries while the infant sustained minor injuries,” according to Hamden Lieutenant Anthony Diaz.

Anyone with information or video surveillance in the area is asked to contact Officer Brett Ferrara of the Hamden Police Department’s Traffic Division at (203) 230-4000 or bferrara@hamdenpd.com.

— Mike Mavredakis

WETHERSFIELD

Man charged in Nov. pedestrian killing

Wethersfield police arrested a Newington man following an investigation into a November accident where a pedestrian was hit by a motor vehicle and died, according to Acting Lieutenant Michael Wren.

Quintin Serafini, 31, of Newington was charged with negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, failure of an operator of a motor vehicle to exercise due care to avoid pedestrian, operation of a motor vehicle in violation of license restrictions and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, according to police.

The arrest stems from an accident on Nov. 9, 2021, when a woman was hit by a car at the intersection of Ridge Road and Nott Street in Wethersfield. The woman was found unconscious at the scene after being hit while crossing Nott Street. She was taken to Hartford Hospital by ambulance and later died, according to police at the time.

— Mike Mavredakis

MANCHESTER

Residents displaced, pets killed in blaze

A fire at a single-family home on Middle Turnpike East in Manchester temporarily displaced five residents, according to a release from the Manchester Fire Department.

All residents were able to evacuate unharmed, but a snake and a pet bird were among the pets killed in the blaze, according to the release. The release said “numerous” pets lived at the residence. Some were successfully evacuated but not all.

Responders reported heavy smoke coming from the upstairs bedrooms. Responders were able to quickly knock down the bulk of the flames from the inside, the release said. The fire broke out on the second floor after 1 a.m. Thursday and was placed under control around 1:50 a.m.

There were also no injuries to responding personnel, the release said. The origin and cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Manchester Fire Marshal’s office, according to the release.

There was another fire in Manchester on Wednesday on Saddle Hill Road, where two occupants were able to evacuate unharmed.

— Mike Mavredakis

Man sentenced to prison for role in Hartford drug ring

Staff report

HARTFORD — A man who was last residing in Hartford was sentenced Wednesday to more than seven years in prison for trafficking cocaine, according to federal authorities.

Marvin Lloyd, 51, who was arrested May 21, 2019, was sentenced to a total of 87 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant, according to federal authorities.

The case stems from an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Hartford Task Force and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service into “individuals who were receiving shipments of cocaine from Puerto Rico and California and distributing the drug in and around Hartford,”

federal authorities said in a statement, citing court documents and statements made in court.

“The investigation revealed that Lloyd coordinated the shipment of numerous parcels containing kilogram-quantities of cocaine, and also parcels containing large quantities of marijuana, from California to addresses in Hartford,” federal authorities said in the statement.

“When the drug parcels arrived, Jesus Rodriguez, a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, delivered them to Lloyd. Rodriguez also distributed cocaine, some of which he received from Lloyd, to his own drug customers and delivered parcels to other cocaine traffickers in the Hartford area.”

Federal authorities said a grand jury in Hartford returned an

indictment in June 2019 charging Lloyd, Rodriguez and 17 others with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and related offenses.

Lloyd pleaded guilty Aug. 18, 2021.

Lloyd, a citizen of Jamaica, has been in custody since he was arrested and faces immigration proceedings when he completes his prison sentence, according to federal authorities. Rodriguez pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.

The DEA’s Hartford Task Force includes personnel from the DEA Hartford Resident Office, Connecticut State Police and the Bristol, Hartford, East Hartford, Enfield, Manchester, New Britain, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Windsor Locks and Willimantic police departments, the statement said.

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requirements; public participation; frequency of meetings; keeping of records; and posting of agendas.

■ Prohibiting the mayor from serving as chair of any elective or appointed board or commission.

■ Requiring a regular review of boards and commissions “to make sure that they are meeting and, if not, they would be subject to a “sunset” or abolition by the Common Council.”

■ Encouraging community outreach to increase the diversity of the membership of boards and commissions and also seeking parity in terms of representation from various neighborhoods in the city.

■ Codifying in an ordinance a Police Accountability Review Board, which would serve as an advisory board with respect to the policies, operation, management and independent civilian oversight of the police department.

■ Fostering greater transparency in the budgetary process for members of the public.

The council is expected to vote to have the revised city charter placed on the ballot for residents to decide at the November election.

Commission Chairman James Woulfe, in a statement to The Courant, touted the proposed revisions and the

work of the commission.

“For the past year, we’ve met with community members, elected leaders, and experts in municipal governance to understand how we can improve our city through the charter revision process,” Woulfe said. “Our process has been transparent, and our deliberations have been thoughtful and substantive. We’re recommending reforms to make city government more accessible, strengthen the budget process and put new checks and balances into our system of governance. We’re looking forward to feedback from the Common Council as we take the next steps in this process.”

Not everyone agreed with Woulfe, however, pointing out that the recommendations didn’t, among other things, include the creation of a board of police commissioners to provide civilian governance of the police department.

Commission member Kamora Herrington, who, along with Ken Kennedy, Vicki Gallon-Clark, Melvin Medina, Bruce Rubenstein and Eon Smith, stepped aside from the commission’s work, said the process was far from transparent and the recommendations amounted to window dressing, with no real change.

“There’s no real teeth to it; it’s sad,” she said. “I’m sad. I’m disappointed.”

Herrington joined the commis-

sion with the hope of not only establishing a board of police commissioners, but also changing the structure of government to reduce the authority of the mayor’s office.

“Charter revision — I’m not a Pollyanna, I really thought we could make some change and I’m sad,” she said. “This is status quo [stuff]. I feel sick. ... There is nothing we could have done. It was a setup when we got there. This is the final blow.”

Herrington was referring to when the group of six commissioners, including all four Black commissioners, stepped away from the commission in April.

Back then, Commissioner Ken Kennedy allegedly heard from another commissioner that secret meetings had taken place between Mayor Luke Bronin’s office and several other commissioners to ensure no substantive changes were made to the charter.

Kennedy said at the time he sought several changes that would balance the power between the council and the mayor, but the police commission is what he “really, really, really wanted” to bring the police department closer to the community it serves.

“We’ve had issues with the police department historically,” Kennedy said.

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Project

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create a community, almost a village feel.”

City leaders are looking for the redevelopment of the old Showcase Cinemas site to spur a revival of the dilapidated Silver Lane corridor. That section of town has been plagued in recent years by abandoned buildings, shabby and half-vacant plazas and the retreat of commercial tenants - most recently the closing of Stop & Shop.

Coupled with National Development’s recent proposal for 300 acres of the nearby Rentschler airfield, Mayor Michael Walsh and economic development staffers believe the corridor can be revitalized in a matter of only a few years. National Development plans to construct two large-scale logistics centers along with a complex of research, development and manufacturing facilities.

The Concourse Park property, about a mile from the National Development site, would become what development partner Avner Krohn called the best work-at-home residential project in central Connecticut.

“There will be work nooks built in in most apartments, over 2,000 square feet of office space, Zoom rooms, conference space. There’s going to be the ability to work outside your apartment and inside. The clubhouse is going to open to the outside, we’ll have community gardens,” Krohn told the Courant before the meeting.

“And the gym is not going to be a token gym — you won’t need to join another gym,” Krohn said.

Designers are working with Eversource and solar consultants to make the buildings as energy efficient as possible, and the developers are examining how to connect Concourse Park to the fiber optic network that SiFi Networks is constructing.

The commission on Wednesday night questioned Zelman about wetlands, open space and traffic concerns, but ultimately agreed to bring those issues up when the company submits a detailed site plan for approval. Commissioners approved changing the property’s zoning from business to planned development district, which was essential for the project to advance.

Zelman and Krohn will next seek approval from the wetlands commission. If there are no significant delays, construction could begin this fall and conclude in late 2024, they said.

Engineer Kevin Solli told the commission that the project will have 872 parking spaces, some with garages or carports. There will be extensive landscaping along with a network of walking paths, wide sidewalks and bike racks, he said.

Zelman said most tenants will likely have dogs, and Concourse Park will have a substantial dog park.

Health

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Covenant medical center and further details on Day Kimball’s financial challenges. The hospital has 60 days to respond.

Kyle Kramer, chief executive of Day Kimball, said in an emailed statement that the planned affiliation with Covenant Health would allow Day Kimball to expand patient care, “serving people of all faiths, backgrounds and incomes.” While earlier discussions with other hospital systems were unsuccessful, Kramer said the agreement with Covenant would ensure Day Kimball retains many of its services, including labor and delivery, intensive care units and other inpatient care.

Noting that Day Kimball is the region’s largest employer, Kramer said, “Our affiliation with Covenant Healthcare will provide a strong and stable financial position and accelerate the funding of future clinical and infrastructural capital needs.”

In an emailed statement, a spokeswoman for Covenant Health said the two hospitals were reviewing OHS’ request and planned to “provide a thoughtful written response” within the requisite timeframe.

“Based on our due diligence to

date, it is clear that the proposed affiliation will preserve a wide array of high-quality health care services and jobs for community members in Northeast Connecticut,” spokeswoman Karen Sullivan wrote.

Options for patients: The proposal comes amid heightened debate nationwide over access to abortion, contraception and other reproductive health services. As many states — including Connecticut — seek to expand access and provide a safe haven for patients seeking abortions, the ethical and religious directives could restrict Catholic health systems in those same states from providing some of the services legislators are working to protect.

Top Catholic health systems, like many large health systems, are becoming dominant providers in their regions, growing through acquisition of smaller, struggling hospitals. Four of the country’s 10 largest health care systems are Catholic, and they control hundreds of acute care hospitals, urgent care clinics, physician practice groups and other facilities.

In Connecticut, Trinity Health — the nation’s sixth-largest system, according to a recent report — operates Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford and Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury,

among other facilities.

As Catholic health care providers grow, advocates and researchers are raising concerns over the expanding influence of ERDs in patient care.

Lori Freedman, a professor with the University of California San Francisco’s Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, said patients often don’t know the difference between Catholic and secular hospitals and which services are available at one as opposed to the other.

If a woman were losing a pregnancy, Freedman said, a secular hospital may offer her a choice between waiting to see whether she might naturally deliver the pregnancy, taking medication to induce delivery or undergoing an abortion procedure.

“Catholic hospitals differ,” Freedman said, “because they might only offer her the ‘watch and wait’ [option] until she becomes sick. Once she becomes sick, they’re allowed to intervene.”

Freedman said most people don’t understand those nuances. And in rural locations like Putnam, patients in emergency situations might not be able to make a longer trip, even if they have a preference in care.

Meghan Holden, a spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut

who grew up near Putnam, said, “On the whole, what these ethical and religious directives mean for people seeking care is fewer options. And when you’re talking about a rural hospital like Day Kimball, that can have some pretty dire consequences for folks in the community.”

One of those options is no longer available. In 2020, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England closed its health center in Danielson, the nearest location to Day Kimball, citing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

“We’re not an exclusively Catholic community. There’s Jewish people and Muslim people and people of other faiths, as well as no faith here,” said the Rev. Jane Newall, the pastor at Federated Church of Christ in Brooklyn, Conn., who occasionally fills in as chaplain at Day Kimball. “To be beholden to some other directive, and to have that also be your only choice in a rural area is very troublesome,” Newall said.

Public input: According to its certificate of need application, Day Kimball “has not performed any voluntary interruptions of pregnancy for many years.” Indeed, the vast majority of abortion procedures — 95%, according to Freedman — are done at clinics, not hospitals.

But the application lays out several procedures that Day Kimball would no longer offer if it becomes part of Covenant Health, including vasectomies, IUD insertion and tubal ligations, known colloquially as having one’s “tubes tied.”

In reviewing Day Kimball’s application, as with any certificate of need application, state officials focus on questions of cost, quality and access, said Steven Lazarus, an analyst with OHS.

“Looking at the applicant, we look at the financials to make sure there’s financial stability. We also want to make sure that we have access to services and continue to make sure that quality is maintained,” he said.

Once Day Kimball responds, OHS will review the application again and may request additional information. That could go back and forth a few times, Lazarus said.

Members of the public can submit comments, and there’s likely to be a public hearing within the next several months once the review is complete. Residents can keep track of the process on the Office of Health Strategy’s CON portal (docket No. 32538).

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CONNECTICUT

Naugatuck man gets 10 years on drug charges

Authorities say he was part of trafficking ring in Waterbury area

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A Naugatuck man was sentenced to 10 years in prison in U.S. District Court in Hartford for the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, cocaine and crack cocaine on Wednesday, according

to federal authorities. Jason “Jay” Metz, 53, was sentenced to 120 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant, according to federal authorities. In March 2020, the Drug Enforcement Administration New Haven Task Force and Waterbury Police Department began an investigation into a drug trafficking organization that was distributing large amounts of heroin,

cocaine and crack in the Waterbury area, according to federal authorities. The investigation, which included court-authorized wiretaps on multiple phones, physical surveillance, controlled purchases of narcotics and motor vehicle stops that resulted in the seizure of drugs, revealed Metz’s participation. This drug ring was believed to be headed by Zachary Lee Foster, who Metz worked closely with, federal authorities said.

Federal authorities said that between October 2020 and January 2021, Metz was intercepted “numerous times” on wiretaps ordering large quantities of narcotics from the organization’s New York suppliers. He was also heard coordinating the sale of the narcotics to other associates, who sold them to their customers. On March 1, 2021, a federal grand jury in New Haven returned an indictment charging Metz, Foster, and 15 others. Metz and

others were arrested on March 3, 2021. Police seized “approximately 40,000 bags of heroin/fentanyl, 350 grams of cocaine, 50 grams of crack cocaine, and nine firearms” on that day, executing seven search and seizure warrants, according to federal authorities. Metz pleaded guilty on Feb. 16, 2022. He was released on bond but was retaken into custody following Wednesday’s sentencing. Foster has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

Interim principal tapped for top job at Conard High

Jamahl Hines, named 2022 Assistant Principal of the Year, called ‘the heartbeat of the school’

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — West Hartford Public Schools named Jamahl Hines as the new permanent principal of Conard High School. Hines has served as Conard’s interim principal since Jan. 31 and was appointed permanently to the role during the West Hartford Board of Education meeting Tuesday. “After an extensive search process, Mr. Hines rose to the top of a very competitive pool of candidates as the clear leader for Conard’s future” said Assistant

Superintendent Andrew Morrow in a press release Wednesday. This coming school year will mark Hines’ 10th year at Conard High School. He started as the assistant principal in 2013, and in December of 2021 the Connecticut Association of Schools named Hines the 2022 High School Assistant Principal of the Year. In a release about the honor, the CAS wrote that they selected Hines for this distinction based on “his selfless and service-driven leadership and his ability to shift mindsets and practices towards more equitable and inclusive teaching and learning outcomes.” “All students come with unique



Conard High faculty members, including Jamahl Hines, second from right, help serve food at a freshmen orientation barbecue. COURANT FILE PHOTO

experiences, home lives, and backgrounds. It is my job to understand how those factors, along with any other personal challenges, might contribute to blocking our students’ paths to success,” Hines said in the release. A Conard parent, Christina Martinez, called him, “the heartbeat of the school. He knows everyone’s story.” And Conard’s previous principal, Julio Duarte, is quoted as saying “I have never seen anyone connect with kids with the ease

that Mr. Hines does.” Morrow said that he is excited for Hines and praised his leadership. “Everyone who engages with Mr. Hines knows his warmth, commitment to students, and his absolute dedication to Conard High School,” Morrow said. “He goes the extra distance to know all of his students at Conard, not just in the hallways, but in classrooms, on the athletic field and on the performance stage.”

Officials exhume wrong body

Cold case investigators had been hoping to ID victim in ‘75 homicide

Associated Press

HAMDEN — Authorities exhumed a body in a Connecticut cemetery Wednesday in hopes of identifying the victim of a nearly half-century-old homicide, only to find someone else’s remains, a news station reported. But East Haven Police told WTNH News 8 they will keep investigating and aim to pinpoint the victim’s actual grave at the State Street Cemetery in Hamden. She was found, dead and wrapped in a tarp, in a drainage ditch behind a now-gone department store in East Haven on Aug. 16, 1975. Authorities were never able to determine her name, so police refer to her as Jane Doe. Police have determined that she was buried in 1976 at the State Street Cemetery. But East Haven Police Capt. Joseph Murgo says her grave wasn’t marked, making it a challenge to locate. The person whose body was exhumed Wednesday was male, police told News 8. Murgo said several suspects have been eyed over the years, but to make more progress, police need to figure out who the victim was. “Generations of detectives have worked extremely hard on this case, but they didn’t have the modern technology that we have today. So we are confident with today’s advancements we can apply it to this case, and, hopefully, identify her,” Murgo told the news station.

Fla. seafood magnate commits \$3M to UNH

Gift from 1983 grad will fund upgrades to Charger Gymnasium

Staff report

A 1983 graduate of the University of New Haven has committed to giving the school \$3 million, a “lead gift” for the renovation of the university’s Charger Gymnasium, according to UNH. When the renovation is completed, the facility will be named in honor of Jeffery P. Hazell, according to UNH President Steven H. Kaplan. Hazell, a native of Marblehead, Massachusetts, lives in Florida and owns and operates Boston Lobster Feast, a chain of three popular seafood restaurants in the

Orlando area. He is the founder of Bar Harbor Lobster Co., now the largest wholesale seafood company in Florida, according to UNH. “Jeff has long been a deeply devoted benefactor and loyal supporter of Charger Athletics and innovative programs that invest in the success of our students,” Kaplan said in a statement about the gift. Kaplan will transition to chancellor of the university as of July 1, according to UNH. Kaplan said that the Jeffery P. Hazell Athletic Center will be used by the university’s men’s and women’s basketball and women’s volleyball teams and for large-scale university and community programs. The upgraded facility, accord-

ing to UNH, is to include renovated locker rooms for all varsity sports; increased seating capacity and new viewing areas in the arena; additional team meeting space and coaches’ offices; and an upgraded lobby honoring past Chargers greats and championship teams. According to UNH, Hazell started Bar Harbor in the garage of his house in 1986, opened his first Boston Lobster Feast in 1991, has “operated seven different restaurants, purchased three different wholesale seafood companies, and owned two food trucks selling lobster rolls.” He sold the assets of the wholesale company to Performance Food Group, the country’s second-largest broadline food distributor, according to UNH.

“I get great satisfaction being able to give back to my alma mater so that current students can have the same opportunities I had,” Hazell said in the statement. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without the University of New Haven. As a Charger, I believe ‘championship DNA’ is in my blood. I am proud to be able to help the university continue to help students become successful.” UNH said Hazell’s \$3 million commitment is the “second seven-figure gift the university has received within the last month.” Longtime faculty member Alice Fischer and her husband made a \$2 million commitment to create the Alice E. and Michael J. Fischer Teaching Chair in Computer Science Endowed Fund, according to the university.

Need a copy of a vital record in Hartford? There’s a new way to get them.

Staff report

HARTFORD — Hartford residents now will be able to order copies of vital records online, including birth, marriage and death certificates, according to city officials. The documents are available at www.hartfordct.gov as a result of new software, according to city

officials, including Mayor Luke Bronin, Council President Maly D. Rosado and Town & City Clerk Noel McGregor. Officials said fees for copies of the vital records can be paid online with a credit or debit card. However, the option to order records at City Hall and pay with a credit card, cash, or money order remains, according to the officials.

“This new online vital records option makes it easier and more convenient for people to request records, and we’re really pleased to make that option available,” Bronin said in a statement. “Of course, folks can still come to City Hall to request records in person, but I think a lot of people will find this online option makes it easier than ever to get the records they need.”

Council President Maly D. Rosado said, also in the statement, that the move is “part of our ongoing efforts to make City government more accessible and convenient for members of the public through the COVID-19 pandemic and well into the future.” McGregor said the process should be “fast, easy, and affordable.”

“The ordering process ensures statutory compliance, accelerates turnaround time, increases security, automates, tracks, organizes, and streamlines vital records ordering for applicants in the City of Hartford,” McGregor said in the statement. To access the vital records service, visit www.hartfordct.gov.

Sweet

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Canton: America the Beautiful, 100B Main St., is open Tuesday and Wednesday noon to 7 p.m.; and Thursday to Sunday noon to 9 p.m. selling Gifford’s ice cream. The newest shake flavor is Caramel Macchiato (espresso ice cream, toffee, fudge, caramel swirl, whipped cream, chocolate sprinkles and espresso beans). Live music is performed some nights. Check facebook.com/atbicecream for updates. 860-421-5006.

Ellington: Kloter’s Ice Cream Barn, 216 West Road, Ellington, is a popular destination with nearly 20 hard-serve flavors, including gluten-free, dairy-free and even sugar-free options. Soft serve and a dozen toppings are also available. Open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Sunday. 860-375-7240, klotersicecream-barn.com.

Enfield: Collins Creamery, 9 Powder Hill Road, makes fresh ice cream with milk from their own dairy cows. Also pup cups. Open daily noon to 9 p.m. facebook.com. 860-749-8663.

Farmington: The ice cream parlor at Farmington Miniature Golf, 1048 Farmington Ave., serves more than 40 flavors of hard serve, as

well as soft serve, sorbet, sherbet, milkshakes and food. The current special flavor is Vegan Cookie Dough. Open 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday to Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. farmingtonminiaturegolf.com. 860-677-0118.

Glastonbury: Robbs Farm Ice Cream Shop, 91 Wassuc Road, makes its own ice cream. Ice cream pies are sold on some days. Hours are Tuesday to Thursday 4 to 7 p.m.; and Friday to Sunday noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays are drive-through quarts only. robbsfarm.com. 860-657-8235.

Granby: Grassroots Ice Cream, 4 Park Place on the town green, offers dozens of homemade, adventurous flavors including Bananagraham, Irish Cream chip, goat cheese blackberry, pina colada sorbet and grapefruit sorbet. Hours are Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. grassrootsicecream.com. 860-653-6303.

Hartford: Capital Ice Cream, 389 Capitol Ave., sells ice cream from Big Dipper in Prospect, as well as milkshakes and ice cream sandwiches and ice cream cakes. Sundaes include Yankee Doodle Dandee, The Capital Cone, Cookie Monster, Tiramisu You and The Force. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; and 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

and Sunday. capitalicecream.com. 860-906-1308.

Manchester: Center Scoop, 629 Main St., makes its own ice cream for humans and dogs. Some flavors are revolving, including Chocolate M&M, Coffee Fudge and Elderflower. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 2 to 9 p.m. Friday; noon to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. facebook.com. facebook.com/center-scoopct. 860-730-4222

New Britain: Frisbie’s Dairy Barn, 951 Farmington Ave., makes frozen treats named after Connecticut towns like New Britain Coffee Craze, Berlin Black Raspberry, Plainville Peanut Butter, Stanley Park Strawberry and Newton Nutella. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. weekdays; noon to 9:30 p.m. weekends. frisbiesdairybarn.com. 860-357-2520.

Newington: Mortensen Dairy, 3145 Berlin Turnpike, has been selling handmade ice cream for 107 years. A fan-favorite flavor is Georgia Peach. The shop also sells pies with flavors S’mores, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Peanut Butter Cup and Cannoli. Hours are Sunday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. facebook.com/mortensen-dairyicecream. 860-666-8219.

Rocky Hill: Scoops & Sprinkles,

2229 Silas Deane Highway, sells hard serve, soft serve, sherbet, no-sugar, vegan, frozen yogurt, sorbet and Italian ice. Special items are Waffle Nachos, Nut Lovers Sundae and floats made with Avery Soda flavors from New Britain. Open Monday to Thursday noon to 9 p.m.; Friday noon to 9:30 p.m.; and weekends 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. scoopsandsprinklesct.com. 860-436-3031.

Simsbury: Tulmeadow Farm Store, 255 Farms Village Road, makes more than 50 flavors including pumpkin, sweet cream, peppermint stick, dark chocolate, Grape Nut and dulce de leche. Also vegan flavors. Daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. tulmeadowfarmstore.com. 860-658-1430.

South Windsor: Jem’s Gardens, 1062 Pleasant Valley Road, sells ice cream in bowls, smoothies, pints and quarts. A specialty flavor is Raspberry Coconut Zinger. The shop specializes in vegan flavors with an oat/coconut base, such as Oreo Funfetti. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. facebook.com/JemsGardens. 860-550-4652.

Vernon: Coneheads is one of the newest ice cream shops in the Capitol area, at 95 Hartford Turnpike. Twenty homemade flavors of hard serve include Rocky Road, Strawberry Cheesecake and Coco-

nut Almond Joy. Also soft serve, Italian ices in nine flavors, sundaes and shakes. Open weekdays 3 to 10 p.m.; and weekends noon to 10 p.m. coneheadscreamery.com.

West Hartford: A.C. Petersen Farms, 240 Park Road, is a traditional favorite, serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and ice cream in cups, shakes and sundaes. Hours are Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. acpetersenfarms.com. 860-233-8483.

Wethersfield: Main Street Creamery and Cafe, at 271 Main St., is a popular destination in charming Old Wethersfield, offering 50-plus traditional hard ice cream flavors, frozen yogurt, nonfat and sugar-free options, and several dairy-free choices. Its hours are Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. 860-529-0509.

Windsor: Lilly’s Soul Food and Ice Cream, 305 Windsor Ave., hand-makes its own flavors and brings in other flavors from Gifford’s and Bliss. Hours are Wednesday to Saturday noon to 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m. lillyssoulfoodrestaurant.com. 860-241-8132.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice

Deep River Water Pollution Control Authority

On Monday June 6, 2022 a Public Hearing was held in accordance with Sections 7-249 through 7-258 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Be it resolved by the Deep River Water Pollution Control Authority, in a special meeting held subsequent to a Public Hearing in accordance with provisions of the Deep River Water Pollution Control Authority Regulations, as amended, and the Provisions of Section 7-255 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, that:

For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, an Operation and Maintenance Charge of \$435. (Four Hundred thirty-five Dollars) per year per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) shall be levied on all properties served by the Town of Deep River Municipal sanitary sewer system.

The Operation and Maintenance Charge shall be due and payable in two installments on October 1 and April 1 of each calendar year. Charges not paid to the Town of Deep River Tax Collector within thirty (30) days of the due date shall thereupon be delinquent and shall bear interest from the due date until such charge is paid in full. Interest shall be computed in the manner provided in Section 7-258 and 12-146 of the General Statutes of Connecticut as amended.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Deep River Town Clerks office.

Peter H. Lewis
Acting WPCA Secretary
6/10/22 7229206

NOTICE CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Paolo Mignatti, Late of Clinton (22-0323)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated May 27, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Marge B. Calltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Maria Pia Mignatti
c/o JOHN C. HEFFERNAN, HEFFERNAN LEGAL GROUP 433 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 114, WEST HARTFORD, CT 06110
June 10, 2022 7228716

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Notice is hereby given that at the Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 PM the proposed Ordinance was approved:

Amending Chapter 272 ("Taxation") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Middletown, replacing Section 272-9.5, Real Estate Tax Fixing Agreement for Newfield Apartments, in its entirety.

ATTEST:

LINDA S.K. REED

Common Council Clerk

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut this 10 June 2022

06/10/22 7229109

Please take notice, Global Self Storage of 265 W. High St East Hampton CT 06424, intends to have an auction of the goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent.
Unit S2710x23: R. Carlson \$1,759
Unit S76 10x10: R. Carlson \$1,102.97
Unit S55 10x15: R. Dunn \$756.40
This sale will be held as an online auction at www.StorageTreasures.com on Monday June 13th 2022 for Unit S55 at 8:00am, Thursday June 23rd 2022 for Both Units S27 & S76 9:00am, June 10 and June 17, 2022 7228268

TOWN OF ESSEX NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 15, 2022 at 6:55 pm Conference Room A

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex, Connecticut, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:55 pm., to hear any and all persons who wish to be heard in regard to the following:

1. 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Applications. Copies of applications are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman
Stacia R. Libby, Selectman
Bruce Glowac, Selectman
Dated this 1 day of June, 2022 at Essex, CT
6/10/2022 7228963



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‘JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION’ ★★

Franchise’s weakest film a warning to humankind

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

The “Jurassic Park”/“Jurassic World” franchise always favored a janky, what-should-we-try-this-time approach. Fans of dinosaurs (and who isn’t?) and the 1993 Steven Spielberg original based on Michael Crichton’s novel, have been forgiving enough to show up for most or all of the sequels.

Just as millions will never forget seeing Spielberg’s truly classic “Jaws,” millions look back at the first encounter with the classic-adjacent “Jurassic Park” with a warm feeling, for its revolutionary digital effects and, in particular, the lawyer on the toilet scene. It was so crafty and convincing visually, you found yourself thinking for a second that some stand-in had literally been eaten by a T. rex, while the American Humane monitor on set was over by the craft services table, looking the other way.

People have lots of opinions about their dinosaurs. As I took my seat for a recent preview screening of “Jurassic World Dominion,” the family on my left was debating which was the worst in the series so far: the second movie in the first trilogy or the second in the second.

Well, it’s neither. I’m afraid it’s this new one, “Jurassic World Dominion,” and neither its blobby story structure nor a frenetic running time of nearly two and a half hours (longest in the franchise) is the problem, really.

The problem is filmmaking *craft*, and how little director Colin Trevorrow (who made “Jurassic World”) brings to bear on



DeWanda Wise, left, and Laura Dern in “Jurassic World Dominion.” JOHN WILSON/UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT PHOTOS

the project. Something’s off here, all the way through the film’s warring personalities and wan subplots. The results may enjoy a big haul this summer, given the film’s nostalgic Grand Finale trappings and the melding of the first trilogy’s headliners — Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum — with the second trilogy’s nominal leads. But you know how it is with brand-name blockbusters. The IP is everything.

Why do I always have to look up the names of the characters played by Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard? Owen Grady and Claire Dearing, that’s right, got it. Actually, I know why: Owen and Claire remain so thinly conceived on paper, it’s easiest to remember them by what they wear

or no longer wear. Owen, the onetime raptor trainer, is first seen in “Jurassic World Dominion” wearing his trademark bright plaid flannel shirt as he’s roping a dinosaur during an open-air, Western-style sequence.

Meantime, his romantic partner, Claire, the formerly shrill, dislikable, patronized and high-heeled Jurassic World park manager, spends her nights poking around illegal dinosaur breeding facilities and performing rescue missions with her increasingly weary colleagues. The world and all its inhabitants have sort of it just *had* it in “Jurassic World Dominion.” Its heart is in the right place, but the vibe essentially says, well, whatever. Picking up the idea

dangled at the end of the previous “Jurassic” film, “Fallen Kingdom,” the planet now lives uneasily on the brink of chaos, with various species of dinosaurs freely roaming the earth, many confined to a wildlife refuge (or *is it?*) in the Dolomites.

The research facility is run by the fearsome BioSyn Genetics, run by Dr. Lewis Dodgson. Campbell Scott plays the character who popped up briefly, with another actor, in “Jurassic Park” way back in ’93. It’s a shame screenwriters Emily Carmichael and Trevorrow couldn’t rig up better banter for Scott and Goldblum in particular. This time Goldblum’s chaos theory mathematician is a well-paid corporate hack working for BioSyn, but

soon enough he meets up with his old colleagues played by Neill and Dern, and helps everything come out more or less right.

The plot keeps coming back around to the plague of oversized locusts ravaging the American heartland. This is a bug-centric dinosaur movie, when it isn’t hopscotching around the globe, stopping off at Malta for a motorcycle chase (Pratt versus dinosaurs) so blatantly ripped off from the “Bourne” movies, you half expect Matt Damon to show up and get eaten.

The action is perpetual, and perpetually in need of a better director. The appeal, I suppose, of the far-flung, constantly roving storyline this time around is its latitude for differ-

ent sorts of mayhem and different genre shoutouts. But all too soon “Jurassic World Dominion” made me long for the best bits of Spielberg’s “Lost World” or J.A. Bayona’s “Fallen Kingdom.” Those folks know how to set up a shot, vary the rhythm and deliver the payoff.

It’s seriously nice to see Dern and Neill again, though, even amid routine material handled routinely.

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.
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MPPAA rating: PG-13 (for intense sequences of action, some violence and language)
Running time: 2:27
How to watch: In theaters

CELEBRITIES



Jeff Beck, left, seen in 2014, and Johnny Depp, seen in 2011, will release “18” July 15. AP PHOTOS

Depp, Beck announce joint album

From news services

Fresh off his legal battle with his ex-wife, Johnny Depp has announced that he and legendary guitarist Jeff Beck will release an album of mostly covers.

The 13-track album, titled “18,” will drop July 15. Depp and Beck said they titled the album after the creative outburst they felt working together.

“We would joke about how we felt 18 again, so that just became the album title, too,” Beck said in a statement.

The album contains covers of The Velvet Underground’s “Venus In Furs,” the Everly Brothers’ ballad “Let It Be Me” and Marvin Gaye’s soul classic “What’s Going On.” Depp supplied two originals, including “This Is A Song For Miss Hedy Lamarr,” the set’s first single.

Depp, long a member of the rock group Hollywood Vampires with Alice Cooper and Joe Perry, started recording with Beck in 2019, and Depp has joined Beck’s current European tour.

Earlier this month, a jury sided with Depp in his defamation lawsuit against ex-wife Amber Heard, vindicating his allegations that Heard defamed him by accusing him of abusing

her before and during their brief marriage. But in a split decision, the jury also found that Heard was defamed by one of Depp’s lawyers.

Chrisleys will stay on air: The Hollywood Reporter says USA Network has no plans to stop airing new episodes of its reality series “Chrisley Knows Best.”

The second half of the ninth season of “Chrisley Knows Best” is set to kick off June 23, all taped before the trial began. USA Network also announced a 10th season, but it’s unclear when production will begin. USA did not shoot the show while the trial was happening.

USA Network has not responded to requests seeking comment and has not made any public statements regarding the Chrisleys since the convictions.

The two main stars, Todd and Julie Chrisley, were found guilty on all counts of bank fraud and tax evasion by a federal jury in Atlanta on Tuesday.

Grammys add new categories: The Grammys are adding a special song for social change award and five new categories including songwriter of the year. The academy announced Thursday that the new

non-classical songwriter category will recognize one individual who was the “most prolific” non-performing and non-producing songwriter for a body of new work during an eligible year. The category takes a different approach than song of the year, which awards the songwriter or songwriters who wrote the lyrics or melodies to one song.

The other categories include best spoken word poetry album, alternative music performance, Americana music performance and score soundtrack for video games and other interactive media. The academy created a special merit award that determines best song for social change. The award will be based on lyrical content that addresses a timely social issue and promotes “understanding, peace-building and empathy.”

June 10 birthdays: Actor Alexandra Stewart is 83. Singer Shirley Owens is 81. Actor Frankie Faison is 73. Actor Jeanne Tripplehorn is 59. Actor Kate Flannery is 58. Actor Elizabeth Hurley is 57. Singer Faith Evans is 49. Actor Shane West is 44. Singer Lee Brice is 43. Actor Leelee Sobieski is 39. Bassist Bridget Kearney is 37.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Anxious driver compelled to take the wheel

Dear Amy: I have this “thing” about needing to drive, no matter whose vehicle it is. I have to drive. Otherwise, I’m a nervous wreck.

This began right after our daughter died in a car wreck in 2006. She was 19.

I know this is a mental issue, but being aware of that doesn’t help.

I feel like if I drive, everyone will be OK because I’m a very safe driver. I also watch other cars like a hawk.

My husband hates this because I adhere to the speed limit, especially on the interstate. He gripes the whole time.

He knows why I do this, but it doesn’t stop him from being vocal about how much it annoys him — and that makes me even more nervous.

I wish I could be the passenger so I could relax, enjoy the view or sleep. I cannot make myself relax; I’m so anxious and afraid.

I would like to get over this. I want to be unafraid — the way I used to be.

I’m tired of being afraid of everything. This manifests in other areas also.

Is there a name for this? Could my ADHD have something to do with this?

— *The Cowardly Lioness*

Dear Lioness: I am aware of a designation that might apply to you: “CG,” or “Complicated Grief.”

For you, this manifests through your intrusive thoughts and the compulsive need to drive — otherwise you feel anxious.

You can feel better — and you will feel better — with treatment. (And yes, in my amateur opinion, your ADHD is related to this.)

The event that brought

this on is so tragic. And of course you are reminded of this every time you get into a car.

But your brain is working overtime trying to make the world safe, and your need to control some essentially uncontrollable aspects of your life must be exhausting for you.

Knowing that your experience is caused by “a mental issue” is good, but in this case awareness is only the first step. I hope you will seek out a grief counselor or grief group to talk to about your loss.

Your family doctor should also refer you to a psychiatrist or trauma specialist, who could help to set you on a healthier path through talk therapy, holistic coping techniques and medication.

Dear Amy: My sister and her husband are in a bad place. I love them both. They have been together for over 20 years and have three young children. They were high school sweethearts.

I have known my brother-in-law since I was 12. He’s like a brother to me, and it hurts to see them both hurting.

Basically they are in this vicious cycle where she ignores him and ices him out because she is so angry. He drinks all the time and will say mean things to her, and not remember later.

He drinks because he feels unloved and disregarded. He recently made a comment to my husband about taking his own life.

I want to help them both, whether or not they choose to stay together.

Can I talk to them both individually without overstepping?

Can I ask my sister to give him one more chance if he stops drinking, and to be more open to him?

She will not do therapy, which I think would benefit them both. He has been to therapy, but only randomly. I want to help them, but I’m unsure how.

— *A Broken-hearted Sister*

Dear Sister: You are obviously very fond of this couple and are invested in trying to help them.

None of your efforts will likely yield results, however, because this is their dysfunction and until one or both of them decides to change, they will continue in this cycle.

Yes, I think you should express your love and concern to each of them. Urge them to get help.

You would benefit from attending a “friends and family” support program such as Al-anon. If your sister will attend meetings with you, all the better.

Dear Amy: “Swim Parent” was carting a teenage neighbor back and forth to swim practice, with no help from her parents.

My parents were like that girl’s. They said that if I wanted to be in gymnastics, I had to find my own transportation. They never helped.

Thank God for other parents.

— *Grateful Gymnast*

Dear Grateful: Other kids’ parents have saved many childhoods.

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‘T’M CHARLIE WALKER’ ★

Biopic of Black trucker would have been better as documentary

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

It’s never a good thing when the postscript to a film based on a true story is more interesting than the actual movie itself.

This is unfortunately the case with Patrick Gilles’ “I’m Charlie Walker,” a biopic about an enterprising Black trucker who won a lucrative contract to help clean up the largest oil spill in San Francisco Bay history in 1971 when two Standard Oil tankers collided.

As interview footage of the real Charlie Walker plays with text cards just before the credits roll, it’s clear that this film would have been better as a documentary.

“I’m Charlie Walker” has all the makings of an entertaining period piece: a little-known true story, an environmental disaster, a colorful setting and a fascinating subject in Charlie, played by the compelling actor Mike Colter (“Luke Cage”).

Writer/director Gilles does use some techniques from documentary film-making, including a voice-over narration that opens the film, provided by the character of Charlie’s wife, Ann (Safiya Fredericks).

But what should be a device to help us understand Ann’s inner thoughts on the matter is instead an exceedingly unengaging way to provide the context of Charlie’s predicament as a Black trucker in San Francisco in the early ’70s, facing racism from the truckers’ union bosses.

When the tankers collide, Charlie fights for a contract to help clean up remote Stinson Beach, seizing the opportunity for work. When the winds start to blow his way, literally, depositing the majority of the oil on his beach, he becomes the face of the operation, hiring a crew and developing cleaning methods. His public-facing image as a Black man starts



Safiya Fredericks and Mike Colter in “I’m Charlie Walker.” SHOUT! STUDIOS AND FAMM FILMS

to rattle the racist white “Tower Oil” executives holding the purse strings, who start to undermine him. As he is wont to do, Charlie goes rogue, making sure he secures the bag for himself.

It should be a gripping tale of triumph over adversity set against a unique backdrop and moment in cultural history. But the narrative gets bogged down

in questions of permitting and licenses and black-mail, and the script has a bad case of telling us, rather than showing, the problems that Charlie faces. Gilles manages to make every choice that renders this story completely uninteresting.

Plus, in a fumbled attempt to capture the famous free love of the swinging ’70s, the film

stumbles into some laughably bad sexist stereotypes. It’s not self-aware enough to actually critique the antiquated gender dynamics, and the dialogue and performances are straight out of a bad adult film. The production has all the value of a true crime reenactment, with the cops, FBI agents and hippies who have volunteered to clean up the beach outfitted

in costumes fit for Halloween.

As “I’m Charlie Walker” rounds home base, it introduces us to the real man, and spills reams of text about the rest of his wild life — his legal troubles, a stint in Folsom Prison, a friendship with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown (who makes a cameo), and his hard-fought financial success. The

real person is lively and entertaining, but as told by Gilles, this story is muddled and dull. It’s obvious that Charlie Walker has had quite a life. “I’m Charlie Walker” is unfortunately a missed opportunity to do him justice.

No MPAA rating
Running time: 1:18
How to watch: In theaters and on demand June 10

Events becoming ‘real pressure cooker’ in ‘The Boys’ season 3

By Erika Martinez
New York Daily News

“The Boys” isn’t your average superhero show.

“The first 10 minutes of the first episode I think is not just the craziest thing we’ve ever done, I think it might be the craziest thing anyone’s ever done,” showrunner Eric Kripke, 48, said of the third season that recently premiered. “I think what we always try to do with the show, is we don’t necessarily try to go bigger, instead we try to go deeper and more intense, and keep turning up the heat, and I think we’ve done that this season.”

The Emmy-nominated Amazon Prime Video series, developed from “The Boys” comics by Garth Ennis and Darick Robertson, debuted in 2019. Audiences were immediately drawn into a version of New York City where superheroes are worshipped as gods while Vought, the company that created them, works overtime to cover up their true sociopathic natures.

The leader of the sadist superpowered squad is Homelander, the series’ evil version of Superman. He lords over the other top “heroes” — Queen Maeve, A-Train, Starlight, Black Noir and The Deep — with a bloody, iron fist.

The Boys — a ragtag group of vigilantes that includes an ex-member of the British Special Forces, an OCD Marine vet, an assassin, a former stereo salesman and a mute with powers — have made it their mission to rid the world of “supes.”

This season starts with Homelander (Antony Starr) on an apology tour after it was revealed that his girlfriend, Stormfront, was a Nazi. Starlight and Queen Maeve joined forces with The Boys to take down Stormfront, and



Jack Quaid, from left, Karl Urban, Tomer Capone, Karen Fukuhara and Laz Alonso in “The Boys.” AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

the Deep is still trying to weasel his way back into Vought’s good graces.

As for The Boys, led by Billy Butcher, they’ve gone legit and are trying to beat the supes by working for a new government agency.

“The Boys are pushed to a breaking point, I think Homelander is getting pushed over the edge of sanity, and so I think everything is really becoming a pressure cooker,” Kripke said.

The heat pushes Butcher (Karl Urban) to dose himself with a serum that gives him temporary superpowers.

“Then there’s this whole grenade of Soldier Boy that we throw into the mix, and through Soldier Boy, we get to explore not just the screwed up presence of that world, but the screwed up past, and what the last 50 years have been like, and through that what the last 50 years of America have been like,” Kripke said.

The presumed dead Soldier Boy (Jensen Ackles) is the first Vought superhero, who has been around since World War II. He’s a formidable match for Homelander at last.

“No one’s ever been able to really make Homelander nervous about anything. ’Cause he is the ultimate top dog and nobody has

powers greater than him, until now,” Ackles said. “It’s the first time that you really see Homelander challenged in a way that makes him vulnerable.”

“The Boys” aptly tackles the sociopolitical climate du jour. It has touched on the #MeToo movement, white nationalism, obsession with celebrity and social media. This time around, Ackles’ character serves as an examination of toxic masculinity.

Ackles, 44, watched interview clips of movie stars from the ’50s and ’60s for inspiration. “There’s one in particular, one interview with Lee Marvin, where he is just sitting there. And he is just smoking a cigarette and almost looking annoyed at people asking him questions,” Ackles said. “I felt like Soldier Boy was just this grandpa, this old curmudgeon trapped in a superhero’s body.”

Kripke points out that the comics were written in 2006, but were spot-on in predicting the current cultural shift — and it’s something he’s building on. “We had an opportunity, the concept of the show allows us to talk about this in a way few shows can,” Kripke said. “We felt we’d be crazy to not delve into that as deep as we could.”

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Conversations around work are likely to come to the table today. This would be a great time to ask for a raise, or even seek out a position that’s more in line with what you want out of your professional life. If you sit down with a supervisor, be prepared to talk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Cutting through any current confusion could go as smoothly as a hot knife slicing through butter, tuning you into everything going on around you. Be sure to engage with matters that you have been putting off, because this alignment is giving you all the tools to solve them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A mix between foggy fantasy and intense intimacy may cloud your thoughts. You could be caught off guard by someone else’s desire to dominate a situation, potentially setting off an unexpected reaction. It’s fine to speak your mind, but be sure to think before you do so.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A desire for some light-hearted socializing could be your focus today, but an important person could decide they want your attention all for themselves. A romantic or business partner could feel like you’re ignoring them, so don’t be surprised if they monopolize your time.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 10, 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to achieve could create a bit of a storm at the office — or wherever you spend time working with others — showing how brilliant you are. Your compatriots will be practically unable to miss it. They could applaud you, but they could also be a little jealous, so try not to make a big deal of it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It’s possible to turn your ideas into something more concrete today, pushing your thoughts toward a grander scale. You can use this to your advantage, giving you the edge on any competition. Go ahead and throw your hat in the ring, because people will be very impressed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today could have you plumbing new depths of your emotional state, magnify formerly hidden details. This will likely have you looking closely at why you are the way you are. The results could surprise you. Fortunately, they should also help you better understand yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): People probably have important matters to discuss with you today, churning up conversations between you and important partners. Only discuss the most important matters at hand. Save small talk for another day, because you likely won’t have patience for it.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender.

In 1967, six days of war in the Mideast ended as Israel and Syria accepted a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 2009, James von Brunn, an 88-year-old white

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can accomplish a lot today, to the point that you wow even yourself in the process, ensuring you check off every box. A nice reward could be about to fall into your lap. Putting in your best efforts should yield good results, so get ready to roll up your sleeves even if you’re not on the clock.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should rarely be blatantly selfish in your approach to life, but today you might get to do exactly that, and you won’t want to even look at anything that isn’t exciting. You really can go after whatever your heart desires. Just try not to shove anyone else out of the way in the process.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your feelings could bubble over like a pot sitting on the burner too long. You’re prone to getting caught up in your emotions. An unexpected trigger could set you off in your subconscious. This isn’t necessarily a bad thing, but it could leave you drained. It’s okay to have a good cry.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): This could be one of the most enjoyable days you’ve had in some time, making this the perfect moment to get together with the people you adore. The only caveat is to make sure everyone’s voice is heard equally, as someone in the group could be trying to steer the ship too firmly.

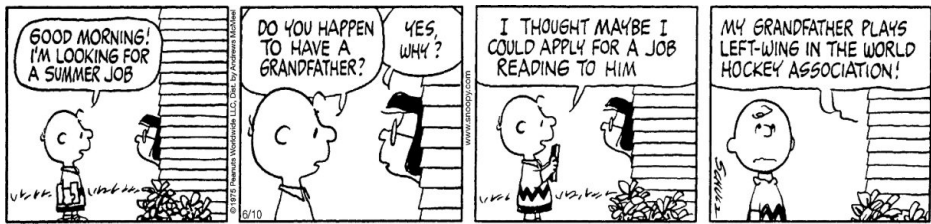
supremacist, opened fire in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., killing security guard Stephen T. Johns.

In 2016, Muhammad Ali was laid to rest in Louisville, Kentucky.

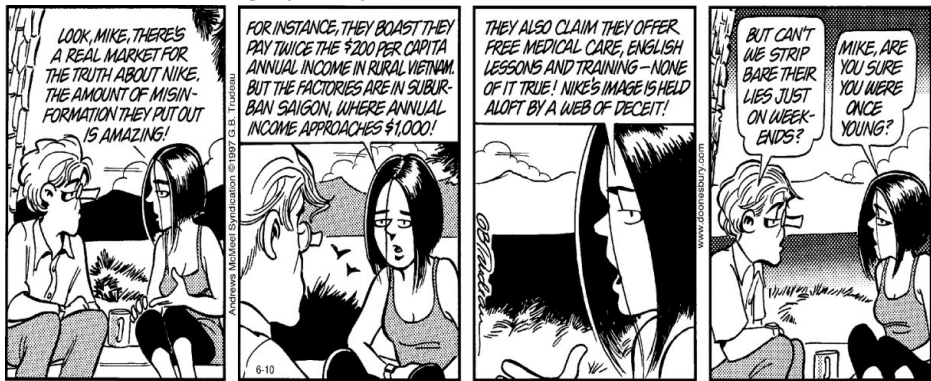
In 2020, protesters pulled down a century-old statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Richmond, Virginia.



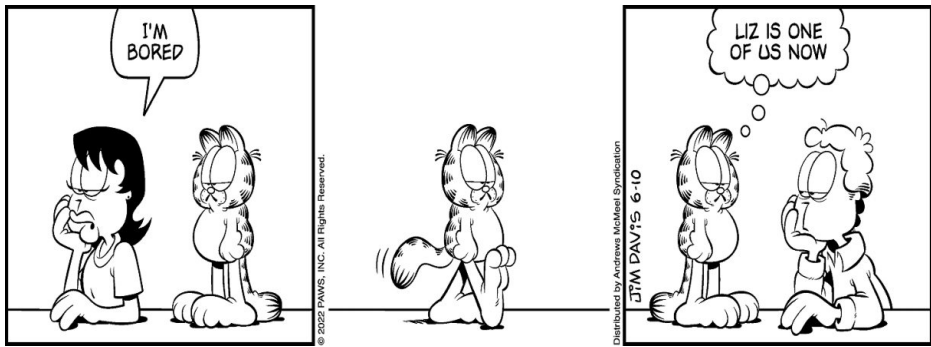
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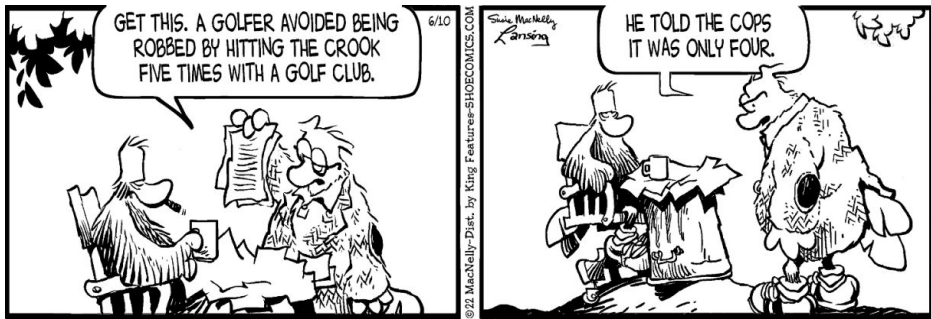
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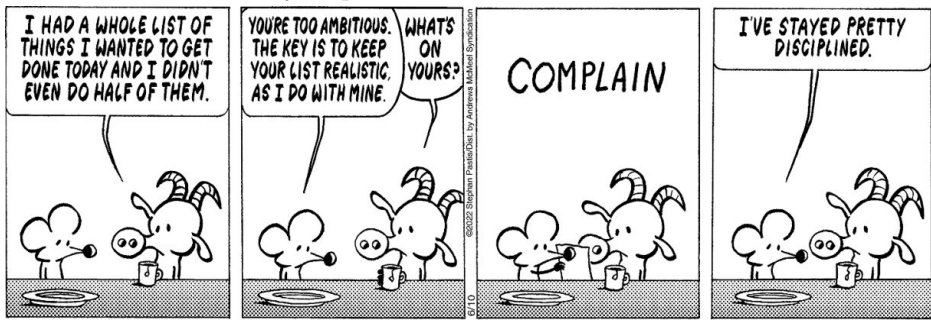
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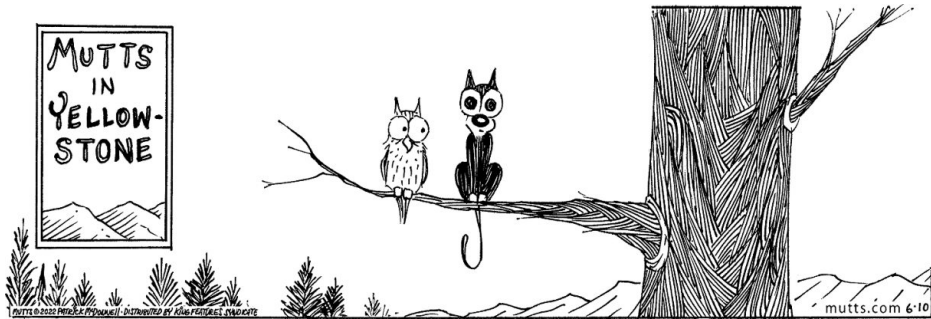
Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



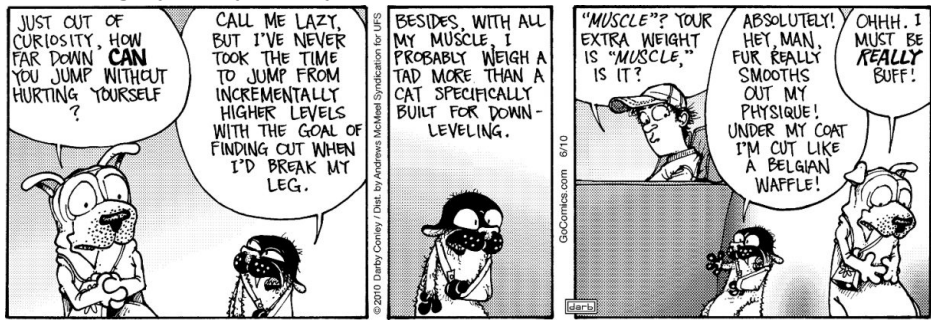
Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt



Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



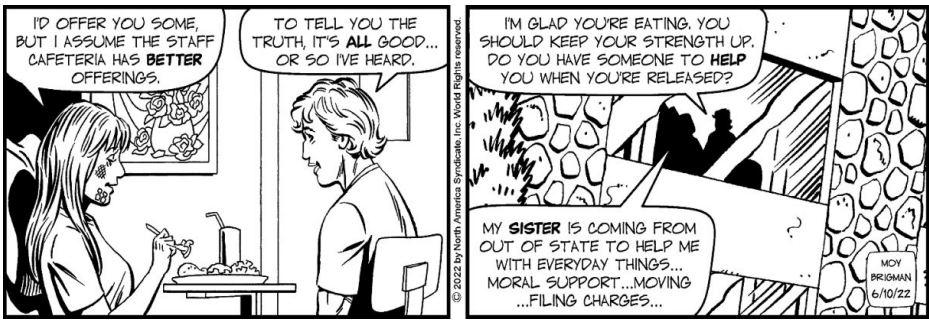
Dilbert By Scott Adams



Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin



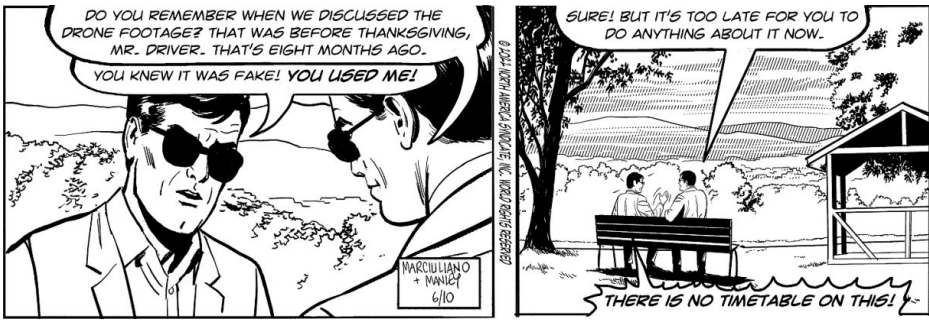
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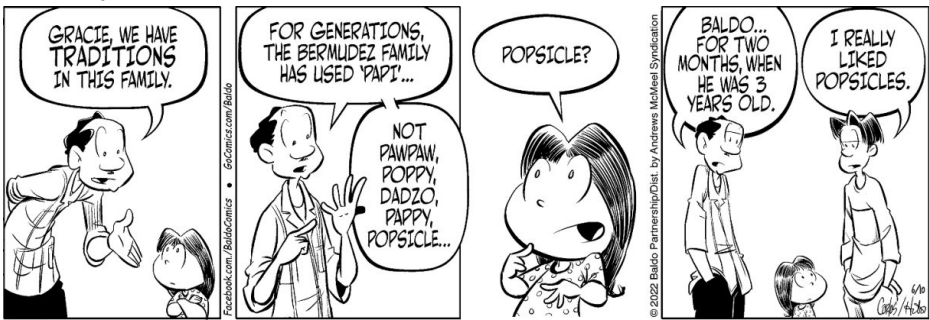
Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



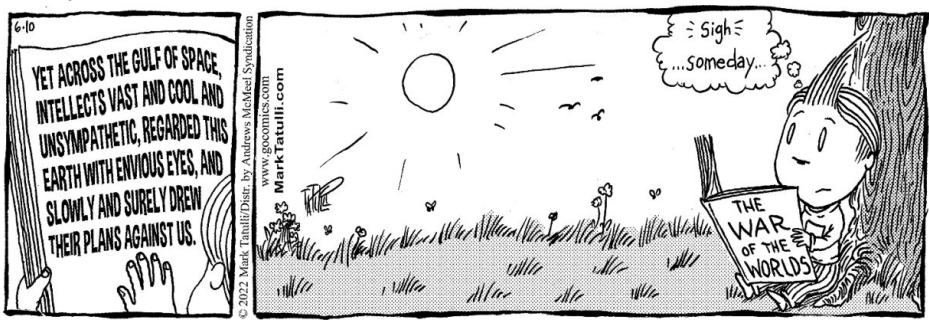
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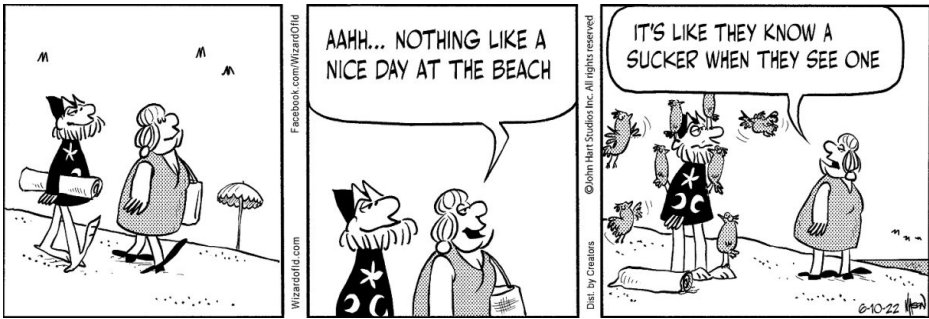
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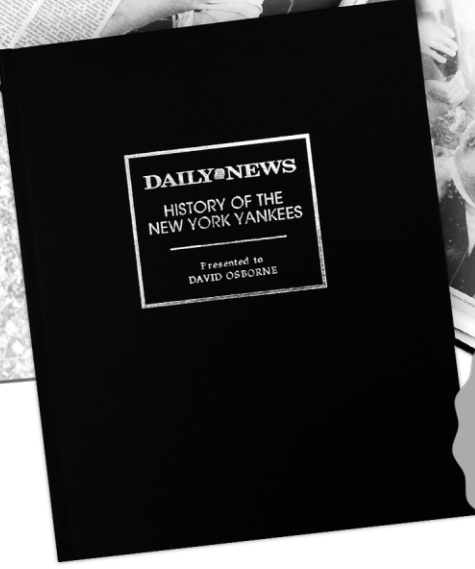

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Players who may help Hurley unlock a new offensive system

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team started summer workouts this week surrounded with a high level of intrigue.

After quite the roster overhaul, UConn coach Dan Hurley told The Courant in April this team is the perfect fit for the new four-out, one-in motion offense he hopes to run.

"I had some great teams in Rhode Island that could come at with you with so many perimeter weapons, but what I didn't have on those teams was dominant centers," he said. "I feel like I'm

going to have my best team next season."

With 10 scholarship players on the roster Hurley hopes to have at least an eight-man rotation. The Huskies will add one or two more through the NCAA transfer portal or reclassification, but those look to be developmental players.

What kind of leap does Andre Jackson take offensively?

Guard Andre Jackson, a rising

Turn to Huskies, Page 4



UConn head coach Geno Auriemma watches Paige Bueckers during the first half of a second-round NCAA Tournament game on March 21 in Storrs. Bueckers is one of the key returnees to a roster that saw a fair amount of turnover. JESSICA HILL/AP

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies hope sessions tighten 2022-23 roster

Three takeaways from Auriemma as summer workouts continue

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

The UConn women's basketball team reconvened in Storrs last week to begin summer workouts. Everyone on the 11-player roster is currently in attendance except for freshman forward Isuneh "Ice" Brady, who is at training camp for USA Basketball's U18 team and will compete in the FIBA Americas Championship in Mexico later this month.

For new players like freshman Ayanna Patterson and Fairfield transfer Lou Lopez-Sénéchal,

this five-week session is a time to figure out how the UConn program is run and adapt to their new environment. For many others on the team this time is being used to focus on recovery and conditioning after injuries plagued the Huskies throughout the 2021-22 season. For the rest who are healthy this time is used to develop a plan with athletic trainers, nutritionists and strength coaches to determine what area of their body they need to work on and continue getting better — all while taking summer classes.

Coach Geno Auriemma spoke with media members on Thursday about how workouts are

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NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS VS. LIGHTNING



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

SMASHING PERFORMANCE

Rangers defenseman Justin Braun, left, takes out Tampa Bay center Riley Nash during the first period of Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Thursday night at Madison Square Garden. The game was not over in time for this edition. Go to courant.com/sports for the result.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Eastern's Benincaso goes from bullpen catcher to champion pitcher



Dom Amore

After returning from a road trip, three UConn baseball players wanted to go take some extra swings in "the old barn," the Huskies' batting cages before the new facilities opened.

Tommy Benincaso, the team's bullpen catcher, wanted to come along and take a few cuts.

"He still wanted to prove the world wrong and was trying to be a catcher," Christian Fedko, now UConn's captain, remem-

bered. "Once we were all hitting we were saying 'Whoa, I wish we can face a live pitcher right now, it would be so much better than hitting off a machine.'"

Benincaso, then a sophomore, volunteered. He had come to UConn from Norwalk High with hopes of making it as a walk-on catcher. He didn't and played club baseball as a freshman, then signed on to be the Huskies' bullpen catcher. Once he did, per NCAA rules, he could not be added to the UConn roster.

"It was a thing I had to accept, that I wasn't going to be able to play," Benincaso said. "I took the bullpen catcher spot, ended up loving it, did it for three years. The one thing I used to tell myself

to keep me going, Just keep working and try to create an opportunity. An opportunity for an opportunity."

This was that precursor to an opportunity. When he wasn't catching UConn's pitchers, he was long-tossing when someone needed a partner, building his arm strength in the process. That night in the old barn, Fedko, his brother, Kyler, and Kevin Ferrer learned there was a secret pitcher in their midst.

"This is not a normal obligation of a bullpen catcher," Christian Fedko said. "This was crazy. We then asked if he had ever pitched, he said he was an OK high school pitcher who might have thrown around 78-81 [mph]. That day

he was not throwing 78-81, it felt more like 89-91. Not only throwing hard, but it felt like he was taking changeup and slider grips from pitchers on our team."

The chain of events and decisions that led Benincaso to the mound in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this week was underway. After four years in the background, like a Broadway understudy learning his lines just in case, Benincaso learned how to pitch. He transferred to Eastern Connecticut State as a grad student and, on Tuesday, got the final eight outs to clinch the Warriors' Division III national championship.

"I'm on top of the world right

Turn to Amore, Page 4

NBA FINALS CELTICS VS. WARRIORS

Smart sees himself in opposing agitator Green

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The mutual appreciation between Marcus Smart and Draymond Green is well known, and part of why is the plain-spoken, occasional irritant they recognize in each other.

Green was serenaded throughout Game 3 with one particular obscene chant, and it bothered his fiancée, Hazel Renee, enough to tweet about having to sit through the onslaught with their two young children in the stands.

The abuse is unlikely to abate in Game 4 on Friday night. But such is the price for athletes who speak their minds and play up to the edge, says Smart.

"I probably have to say because it's not the norm, you know," Smart said when asked why loud players can be "misunderstood."

"Nobody's used to the way, how loud it is. Nobody's used to how aggressive it is. If you're not that type of person, it could come off and rub you the wrong way. But that's what makes us special," he said of himself and Green. "We're different. We embrace the difference that we have from everybody else. That's what makes us great."

"I know for a fact Draymond is never going to change. We don't expect him to. That's Draymond, that's what makes him the great player that he is," said Smart. "His career has been full of triumph because of it. He takes that team to a new level when he's on the court, with what he brings. Vice versa with me. Every team will tell you, they might not tell you right up front, but they'll tell you: Marcus and Draymond are two guys we would love to have on our team and two guys we would hate to play against."

Green, in the midst of a Kyrie-level assault by the Garden crowd, admits he played poorly Wednesday night. Indeed, he seems to blame mostly himself for the loss. He seems to accept the terms of the harassment.

"That's who I am, you know. I'm always going to do whatever I can for my teammates," Green said of taking pressure

Turn to Celtics, Page 4



Warriors guard Stephen Curry puts up a shot against Celtics guard Marcus Smart during Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday in Boston. ELSA/AP

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: vs. Warriors (Game 4), Friday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 5), Monday, 9 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 6, if necessary), Thursday, 9 p.m.
Rangers: Eastern Conference Finals: at Lightning (Game 6), Saturday, 8 p.m.; vs. Lightning (Game 7, if necessary), Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Mariners, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Mariners, Saturday, 10 p.m.; at Mariners, Sunday, 4 p.m.
Yankees: Cubs, Friday, 7 p.m.; Cubs, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.; Cubs, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Mets: at Angels, Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at Angels, Saturday, 10 p.m.; at Angels, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Portland, Friday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: Sky, Friday, 7 p.m.; Dream; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Storm, June 17, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at San Diego, Saturday, 10 p.m.; Memphis, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta United II, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO
AUTO RACING

6:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Azerbaijan Grand Prix, Practice 1. (Live) ESPN2
9:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Azerbaijan Grand Prix, Practice 2. (Live) ESPN2
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Texas at East Carolina. (Live) ESPN2
3 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Oklahoma at Virginia Tech. (Live) ESPN2
6 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Notre Dame at Tennessee. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Chicago Cubs at New York Yankees. (Live), Amazon Prime Video. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at Detroit Tigers. (Live) SPRTNET
8:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Louisville at Texas A&M. (Live) ESPN2
9:30 p.m.: New York Mets at Los Angeles Angels. (Live), Apple TV+. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: WNBA: Chicago Sky at Connecticut Sun. (Live), Twitter, NESN+
8 p.m.: WNBA: Seattle Storm at Dallas Wings. (Live) CBSSN
9 p.m.: NBA Finals Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics. (Live) ABC
10 p.m.: WNBA: Atlanta Dream at Phoenix Mercury. (Live) CBSSN
BOXING
9 p.m.: Bakhodir Jalolov vs. Jack Mulowayi. (Live) SHO
GOLF
7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
9:30 a.m.: Curtis Cup, First Round. (Live) GOLF
12:30 p.m.: ShopRite LPGA Classic, First Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: RBC Canadian Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
6:30 p.m.: American Family Insurance Championship, First Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
8:30 p.m.: BMW Charity Pro-Am, Second Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
HOCKEY
12 p.m.: IIHF Women's U18 World Championship United States vs Canada. (Taped) NHL
RUGBY
2:30 p.m.: Salford Red Devils vs Wigan Warriors. (Live) FSP
5:30 a.m.: Catalans Dragons vs Hull FC. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
12 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Azerbaijan vs Slovakia. (Live) FSP
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Austria vs France. (Live) FSI
SOFTBALL
8:30 p.m.: Women's College World Series Texas vs Oklahoma. (Live) ESPN
TRACK AND FIELD
9 p.m.: NCAA Outdoor Championships. (Live) ESPN2

RED SOX COMMENTARY

In wake of run, it's time to believe in the Sox again

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

The Red Sox are back, and they're giving us reason to believe again. With another 1-0 win over the Angels on Wednesday night, the Sox have won seven straight and are 20-8 since May 10, tied with the Yankees for the best record in MLB in that span. Most impressively, they've bounced back from some ugly losses and a disappointing homestand to keep things rolling. They looked awful on the last homestand, particularly in a melt-down on a Friday night game against the Orioles that has been lingering in Alex Cora's mind since then. It was a game the Sox should've won easily, with a six-run lead entering the seventh inning against one of the worst teams in the league. But the

bullpen gave up 10 runs. The energy was sucked out of Fenway Park. And the Sox went on to lose the five-game series against the last-place O's and split a two-game series against the last-place Reds. Bad teams don't get on a winning streak immediately after a home-stand like that. Mediocre teams don't, either. The Red Sox did. It doesn't matter that their competition on this trip has been the rebuilding A's and an Angels team that is playing so poorly it fired manager Joe Maddon and is now using exclusively Nickelback songs as their walkup music. Good teams beat up on bad teams, and after the Sox failed to do that in the homestand, they're doing it with ease on this road trip. The bullpen remains a long-term concern, but it's getting the job done right now. Sox relievers have a 3.23

ERA in the team's 20-8 stretch, despite allowing 10 runs in one of those games. Take away that game and they've allowed just 32 runs in 100 innings in that span. There still aren't any roles, which is concerning. Cora has said several times he'd like to have pitchers he can rely on in specific innings rather than having to play the matchups throughout the game, but that clearly isn't the case. He didn't have enough confidence in John Schreiber to keep Schreiber in the game in the ninth inning on Wednesday night, despite the funky right-hander's dominant eighth inning and a quick out to start the ninth. Instead, Cora went to lefty Matt Strahm to face a left-handed hitter in the middle of the inning. Strahm handled the job and collected his second save in as many nights.

While there aren't any set roles just yet, at least Cora has found two guys he seems to have a lot of faith in lately: Scheriber and Strahm. The offense drives the bus on this team, and there are still questions to be asked about production outside the middle of the order. They have no leadoff hitter after the struggling Kiké Hernandez went on the injured list with right hip flexor strain. Rafael Devers, Xander Bogaerts and J.D. Martinez are maybe the best two-three-four punch in the big leagues, but the offense didn't get rolling until No. 5 hitter Trevor Story got hot. Most importantly, they aren't striking out as much and are controlling the zone a bit better. A disciplined offense is a good offense, and while the Sox aren't exactly disciplined, they're at least making improvements.



The Yankees' Jose Trevino runs during a game against the Tigers on June 3 in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

YANKEES

New catcher Trevino providing an unexpected pop at the plate

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

MINNEAPOLIS — When the Yankees went out and made the trade to get Jose Trevino, everyone talked about him being a solid defensive backup catcher. That is kind of what Yankees hitting coach Dillon Lawson thought too. But Trevino had spent the winter determined to be more than just a good receiver. He wanted to be an all-around contributor, not a black hole at the bottom of the lineup. He worked on his swing and the Yankees are getting a bonus with him. Trevino's proved to be a decent hitter. "To be honest, I didn't know what to expect coming in outside of the defensive skills," Lawson said of Trevino's contributions at the plate. "It's a great bonus." Trevino went into Thursday night's game, where he was expected to catch Gerrit Cole, hitting .281/.333/.461 with

four home runs, 16 RBIs and a .794 OPS. For comparison, Trevino hit his fourth home run in his 86th at-bat of the season. He had five in 285 at-bats all of last season. He's been a career .250/.280/.379 hitters with 13 total homers and 71 RBIs. Trevino has been good for the Yankees pitchers, who have a 2.25 ERA and a .561 OPS against with him behind the plate. The 29-year-old puts his work with the pitchers ahead of himself, but this winter he wanted to improve his work at the plate. "I did some things in the offseason with another guy down where I am from, and he just kind of likes movement patterns ... getting my body to move the right way," Trevino said. "It was understanding more of my swing and that maybe I don't need to change my swing. 'Maybe it's just that I need to understand my movements better. So that started off in the offseason.'" That work continued into spring training with the Rangers. Trevino used

that time to pick other hitters' brains, including Matt Carpenter, who was on a minor-league deal with Texas. "I worked with him a bit; he's great to work with," Trevino said. "Just talking to him about hitting, he has so much knowledge from all his years." But things really started to click for Trevino when he was traded to the Yankees. The first month Lawson and assistant hitting coaches Casey Dykes and Hensley Meulens let Trevino go and do his things. Then they approached him with some ideas. "They said, 'We think you can be better and this is how,'" Trevino said. "I was like, 'All right, let's go,' and I mean they've been awesome. The communication has been unreal between me and them. "And there's just a lot of intentional work. There are no wasted reps, like everything we're doing is with the intention to be better."

YANKEES NOTES

Frazier looking forward to first clash with old team

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

MINNEAPOLIS — Clint Frazier said he got a fresh start when he was released from the Yankees last November and he immediately signed with the Cubs. Still, Frazier, who will be in the Bronx this weekend with Chicago, can't seem to quite let go of his time in pinstripes. In an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times, Frazier took a few shots at his former club. "A lot of it is hard to really look at and understand where it went wrong at times," Frazier told the paper about his parts of five seasons with the club. Yankees manager Aaron Boone took the high road when talk about Frazier Thursday before the Yankees' series finale against the Twins at Target Field. "I mean he had some injury stuff that he had to deal with that cost him a lot of time, especially a lot of time as a young player, where you continue to develop whether it be at the minor league level or' in his case, a lot at the big league level," Boone said. "He missed a lot of time

and important reps, by no (fault) of his own, it's just unfortunate. But he's a really talented guy. We certainly wish him well moving forward in his career because we all know he's got a lot of ability." The prospect with the "legendary bat speed," never developed into much more than a name. **Stanton sits:** After a rough night in right field, Giancarlo Stanton was out of the lineup Thursday. It wasn't a benching, the slugger just came off the injured list on Saturday and Boone said this is a move to

manage his workload. "I had to decide between today and tomorrow and I just settled on him being off today," Boone said. Stanton twice seemed unaware of where he was in relation to the right-field wall and missed balls. Another he came charging in on and missed. ... Domingo German threw three innings of a simulated game on Thursday. The right-hander, who has been on the IL since spring training with "right shoulder impingement syndrome," will probably pitch next in a rehab game next week.

METS

Megill set for Friday return to rotation after IL stint

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

SAN DIEGO — Friday night will mark the first real step toward full strength for a struggling Mets rotation. Tylor Megill is set to be activated on Friday against the Angels in what will be his first start since coming off the injured list with right biceps tendinitis. Megill, who was placed on the IL May 12, will have missed five turns through the rotation. Carlos Carrasco will take the hill on Saturday for the Mets, followed by Taijuan Walker on Sunday. As of Thursday morning, the Angels had not yet announced when former Met Noah Syndergaard will start, but he is lined up to face his old team either on

Saturday or Sunday. Megill, who started for the Mets on Opening Day in place of the injured Jacob deGrom, had a 2.43 ERA in his first six starts of the season. Megill allowed eight runs in 1.1 innings to the Nationals on May 11, his final start before landing on the IL, a rough outing which he believes was impacted by his biceps injury. "It's important for everybody, but especially Tylor [who] was pitching real well for us for the most part when he went down," Mets manager Buck Showalter said when asked of Megill's return to the rotation. "So was Max [Scherzer]. We all know what Jake's capable of. "When you play this long, you plug one hole — I don't want to call it a hole,

because we have some pieces that are very capable — you get one thing back and something else goes away. I don't think San Diego, for instance, without [Fernando] Tatis cares about our problems. So hang with 'em." Showalter said Trevor Williams will be available to pitch out of the bullpen behind Megill, who is likely to throw around 70-75 pitches in his first time back from the IL. Williams has a 3.58 ERA in 10 games (five starts) for the Mets this season. That will leave southpaw David Peterson, who last started Saturday against the Dodgers, out of an immediate role. Peterson has a 2.97 ERA in seven games (six starts) for the Mets, and helped the team stay afloat during the injury hits to their starting pitchers.

MLB LATE
WEDNESDAY

Twins tee off on Cortes, end Yankees streak at 7

Associated Press

Byron Buxton and Ryan Jeffers each hit home runs in the fifth inning off Nestor Cortes to send the New York left-hander to an early exit, and the Minnesota Twins cruised to an 8-1 victory Wednesday in Minneapolis that stopped the Yankees' seven-game winning streak. Cortes allowed season highs in hits (seven) and runs (four) in 4 ⅔ innings, his shortest appearance of the year that knocked him out of the major league ERA lead. This was the first time in 20 starts that he allowed more than three runs, falling one short of the longest such streak in team history. Chris Archer (1-2) picked up his first victory for the Twins in his team-leading 11th start, completing five innings with only two hits allowed. He had four walks, but DJ LeMahieu's sacrifice fly in the fifth was the only damage done by a Yankees lineup that totaled 14 hits the night before. The eight runs by the Twins were one more than the Yankees allowed combined over the last seven games.

Red Sox 1, Angels 0: At Anaheim, Calif., Los Angeles' losing streak reached a franchise-record 14 games when Bobby Dalbec drove in the only run with a double in the sixth inning for Boston. Nathan Eovaldi (4-2) pitched five innings of six-hit ball with five strikeouts in Boston's season-high seventh consecutive victory. With their second 1-0 win in three days at the Big A, the Red Sox remained perfect in June and on their 10-game West Coast trip (6-0). **Padres 13, Mets 2:** At San Diego, Jake Cronenworth homered, doubled, singled and had five RBIs, and Sean Manaea pitched seven strong innings to beat former teammate Chris Bassitt in the San Diego rout. Cronenworth, who struggled at the plate earlier this season, fell a triple shy of his second career cycle.

YARD GOATS 5,
SEA DOGS 3

Goats win 6th straight

PORTLAND, Maine — Isaac Collins led off the game with a home run and the Hartford Yard Goats won their sixth straight with a 5-3 Eastern League Northeast Division win at the Sea Dogs on Thursday night. Collins added a second RBI with a fielders' choice as part of a three-run sixth. Ezequiel Tovar had three hits and two RBIs as the Yard Goats improved to 35-19. Noah Davis (4-3) started and went five innings for the win, allowing all three runs with eight strikeouts. Gavin Hollowell pitched two scoreless innings for his sixth save. — *Staff report*

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	40	16	.714	—	—	7-3	L-1	23-7	17-9
Tampa Bay	34	23	.596	6 ½	—	6-4	W-3	21-13	13-10
Toronto	33	23	.589	7	—	7-3	L-1	18-10	15-13
Boston	30	27	.526	10 ½	—	8-2	W-7	13-14	17-13
Baltimore	24	33	.421	16 ½	6	5-5	W-1	15-15	9-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	33	25	.569	—	—	4-6	W-1	18-12	15-13
Cleveland	26	26	.500	4	1 ½	7-3	W-1	13-9	13-17
Chicago	26	29	.473	5 ½	3	4-6	L-2	12-15	14-14
Detroit	23	33	.411	9	6 ½	6-4	W-2	15-15	8-18
Kansas City	18	37	.327	13 ½	11	2-8	W-1	10-19	8-18

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	36	21	.632	—	—	7-3	L-1	15-8	21-13
Los Angeles	27	31	.466	9 ½	3 ½	0-10	L-14	15-16	12-15
Texas	26	30	.464	9 ½	3 ½	4-6	L-1	13-16	13-14
Seattle	26	31	.456	10	4	6-4	W-1	12-10	14-21
Oakland	20	38	.345	16 ½	10 ½	1-9	L-8	7-23	13-15

BOX SCORES

TAMPA BAY 2, ST. LOUIS 1

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.274
Goldschmidt 1b2	1	0	0	0	1	.338
Arenado 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.273
Pujols dh	3	0	1	0	0	.215
a-Gorman ph	1	0	0	0	1	.286
O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0	0	.206
Yezzer rf	3	0	0	0	1	.259
Bader cf	3	0	0	0	2	.271
Sosa ss	3	0	0	0	1	.200
Knizner c	3	0	0	0	0	.213
TOTALS	29	1	2	0	10	
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kiermaier cf	3	1	2	0	1	.217
Margot lf	3	0	0	0	1	.313
Choi 1b	3	1	1	2	1	.278
Arozarena dh	3	0	0	0	1	.263
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.176
Phillips rf	3	0	0	0	0	.271
Walls ss	3	0	0	0	0	.152
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	1	.148
Brujan 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.143
TOTALS	26	2	3	2	9	

St. Louis	000	001	000	—	1	2	0
Tampa Bay	000	200	00x	—	2	3	2

a-struck out for Pujols in the 9th.
E: Zunino (1), McClanahan (1).
LOB: St. Louis 4, Tampa Bay 0.
2B: Pujols (3).
HR: Choi (5), off Mikolas.
RBIs: Choi 2(29).
Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 4(O'Neill 3, Bader); Tampa Bay 0.
RISP: St. Louis 0for 6; Tampa Bay 0for 0.
GIDP: O'Neill.
DP: Tampa Bay 1(Brujan, Choi).

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mikolas, L, 4-4	8	3	2	2	0	9	2.93
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McClanahan, W, 7-28	2	1	0	1	0	1	0.187
Adam, S, 2-2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.72

Pitches-Strikes: Mikolas 85-61; McClanahan 94-67; Adam 17-7.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Mikolas 8-5; McClanahan 3-3; Adam 1-0.
Batters Faced: Mikolas 26; McClanahan 23; Adam 3.
WP: McClanahan.
Umpires: Home, Will Little; First, Pat Hoberg; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Mark Carlson. T: 1:54. A: 14,892(25,000).

LATE WEDNESDAY: TAMPA BAY 11, ST. LOUIS 3

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman ss	3	1	1	0	0	.279
Gorman 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.294
Goldschmidt 1b3	0	1	0	1	0	.341
a-Sosa ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	.208
O'Neill lf	4	1	2	3	0	.213
Donovan 3b-1b 4	0	1	0	1	0	.304
Yezzer dh	4	0	1	0	1	.266
Bader cf	4	0	1	0	2	.275
Nootbaar rf	4	0	0	0	2	.140
Knizner c	3	0	0	0	1	.221
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	9	
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Margot rf-cf	5	2	4	0	0	.319
Ramirez dh	4	2	1	2	1	.284
c-Phillips ph-dh1	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Choi 1b	5	3	3	2	2	.275
Diaz 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.281
Arozarena lf	5	1	3	4	1	.267
Brujan 2b-rf	5	0	2	3	0	.147
Mejia c	5	0	2	0	0	.235
Kiermaier cf	4	1	1	0	1	.208
b-Paredes ph-2b1	0	0	0	0	1	.194
Walls ss	5	1	1	0	1	.156
TOTALS	43	11	18	11	7	

St. Louis	000	102	000	—	3	8	0
Tampa Bay	311	003	30x	—	11	18	0

a-struck out for Goldschmidt in the 8th.
b-struck out for Kiermaier in the 8th.
c-lined out for Ramirez in the 8th.
LOB: St. Louis 5, Tampa Bay 12.
2B: Choi (11), Arozarena (13), Brujan (4), Ramirez (7), Mejia (6), Walls (4), Margot (7).
HR: O'Neill (3), off Kluber.
RBIs: O'Neill 3(23), Choi 2(27), Arozarena 4(28), Brujan 3(7), Ramirez 2(18).
SB: Kiermaier (4).
Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 3(Nootbaar 2, Yezzer); Tampa Bay 9(Brujan, Choi, Phillips 2, Mejia 2, Kiermaier 3).
RISP: St. Louis 2for 7; Tampa Bay 9 for 22.
Runners moved up: Donovan, Yezzer, Ramirez, Margot, Mejia, Choi, Arozarena.
GIDP: Donovan. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Brujan, Walls, Choi).

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Naughton, L, 0-2	1 ⅓	5	4	4	0	0	5.54
Oviedo	2 ⅔	3	1	1	1	3	4.70
Wittgren	1	3	3	3	1	1	6.04
McFarland	2	5	3	3	2	2	8.18
Molina	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kluber, W, 3-2	5	6	3	3	1	5	3.85
Adam, H, 7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.78
Bard	2	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Armstrong	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.80

Inherited runners-scored: Oviedo 1-1, McFarland 2-2, Adam 2-0.
Umpires: Home, Mark Carlson; First, Will Little; Second, Pat Hoberg; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 3:11. A: 12,906(25,000).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS	BATTING AVG	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Goldschmidt STL	.55	211	39	72	.341	
Machado SD	.55	210	38	69	.329	
McNeil NYM	.55	194	27	61	.314	
Cooper MIA	.50	179	19	56	.313	
Harper PHI	.50	196	40	60	.306	
Iglesias Col	.46	167	18	51	.305	
T.Turner LAD	.56	218	28	66	.303	
Bell Was	.57	210	29	63	.300	
Cetts NYM	.54	219	52	65	.297	
Cannha LAD	.47	166	27	49	.295	

Home Runs: Alonso, New York, 16; Betts, Los Angeles, 16; C.Walker, Arizona, 15; Riley, Atlanta, 15; Harper, Philadelphia, 14; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 14; Cron, Colorado, 14; Pederson, San Francisco, 13; 4 tied at 12.
Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 54; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 47; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 45; Lindor, New York, 45; Harper, Philadelphia, 44; Cron, Colorado, 41; Arenado, St. Louis, 39; Betts, Los Angeles, 39; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 37; Tellez, Milwaukee, 37.
Pitching: Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 7-0; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 7-0; Carrasco, New York, 7-1; Musgrove, San Diego, 6-0; K.Thompson, Chicago, 6-1; Alcantara, Miami, 6-2; Buehler, Los Angeles, 6-2; Wright, Atlanta, 6-3; Gray, Washington, 6-4; 3 tied at 5-1.
through Wednesday

PHILADELPHIA 8, MILWAUKEE 3

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	5	2	1	2	3	.209
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.221
Harper dh	5	2	2	1	2	.308
Castellanos rf	2	1	1	0	0	.250
Herrera rf	1	1	1	2	0	.279
Realmuto c	3	0	0	1	0	.242
Gregorius ss	5	0	3	1	0	.306
Bohm 3b	5	0	0	0	2	.255
Stott 2b	3	0	0	1	1	.182
Moniak cf	1	1	0	0	0	.176
TOTALS	34	8	9	8	10	
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	1	2	0	1	.230
Adames ss	4	1	1	1	0	.203
a-Hiura ph	1	0	0	0	1	.210
Tellez 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.259
Urias 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.226
McCutchen dh	4	0	1	1	3	.221
Peterson 3b	5	0	0	0	0	.215
Renfroef rf	4	1	1	1	0	.260
Caratini c	4	0	3	0	0	.228
Taylor cf	4	0	1	0	1	.226
TOTALS	38	3	13	3	9	

Philadelphia	010	020	122	—	8	9	0
Milwaukee	100	001	001	—	3	11	0

a-struck out for Adames in the 9th.
LOB: Philadelphia 8, Milwaukee 12. **2B:** Gregorius (5), Caratini (2), Tellez (14).
3B: Gregorius (2).
HR: Harper (15), off Boxberger; Schwarber (15), off Kelley; Herrera (5), off Kelley; Adames (10), off Eflin; Renfroef (10), off Brogdon.
RBIs: Stott (16), Realmuto (20), Gregorius (8), Harper (45), Schwarber 2 (31), Herrera 2 (15), Adames (25), Renfroef (20), McCutchen (22). **SF:** Realmuto. **S:** Moniak. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 7 (Hoskins, Moniak, Bohm 2, Schwarber 2, Realmuto); Milwaukee 5 (Adames 2, Renfroef, Peterson 2). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3 for 16; Milwaukee 2 for 9.
Runners moved up: Castellanos, Schwarber. **GIDP:** Realmuto. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Urias, Adames, Tellez).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin	4	4	1	1	3	2	3.76
Nelson	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.77
Brogdon, H, 1	2	1	1	0	0	2	2.92
Dominguez, W, 3-11	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.66
Familia	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.43
Norwood	1	3	1	1	0	2	7.71
MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes, L, 3-4	4 1/3	3	3	1	4	8	2.48
M.Sanchez	2/3	2	0	0	0	0	1.08
Milner	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.70
Boxberger	1	1	1	1	1	0	2.82
Kelley	2	3	4	4	1	1	10.38

Inherited runners-scored: M.Sanchez 2-2. **HBP:** Eflin (Tellez). **WP:** Burnes. **PB:** Caratini (1). **Umpires:** Home, Nate Tomlinson; First, Dan Bellino; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Tripp Gibson. T: 4:01. A: 27,306(41,900).

LATE WEDNESDAY: L.A. DODGERS 4, CHI WHITE SOX 1

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	4	0	0	0	0	.297
Freeman 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.283
T.Turner ss	4	2	2	1	0	.303
Smith c	4	1	2	2	0	.235
J.Turner 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.219
Bellinger cf	3	1	1	1	0	.210
Taylor lf	4	0	0	0	3	.251
Alvarez dh	2	0	0	0	0	.222
a-Albertor ph-dh1	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Lux 2b	3	0	1	0	2	.272
TOTALS	33	4	6	4	9	
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.184
Robert cf	3	0	0	0	0	.283
Moncada 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.136
Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.255
Grandal c	4	0	1	0	2	.165
Burger dh	4	1	2	1	1	.257
Sheets rf	3	0	1	0	1	.206
Pollock lf	2	0	0	0	1	.217
Mendick ss	3	0	0	0	0	.294
TOTALS	31	1	4	1	10	

LA. Dodgers	210	000	001	—	4	6	0
Chi. White Sox	000	010	000	—	1	4	0

a-struck out for Alvarez in the 7th.
LOB: Los Angeles 3, Chicago 5.
2B: Sheets (5).
HR: Smith (7), off Cuetto; Bellinger (7), off Cuetto; T.Turner (7), off Ruiz; Burger (6), off Gonsolin.
RBIs: Smith 2 (26

SPORTS

NFL NOTES

Patriots, Giants both cancel final minicamp, OTA sessions

Courant wire services

The New England Patriots cancelled their final minicamp practice Thursday and two OTA sessions next week, their last of the spring. Players are still welcome to voluntary workouts, but mandatory team activities are over at Gillette Stadium until late July.

The minicamp practice cancellation is near unprecedented in the Bill Belichick era, though ending OTAs early has become commonplace in recent years. The team's extra free time is seen as a reward for players' hard work throughout the offseason.

The Pats labored through two-hour, mandatory practices on Tuesday and Wednesday. Players will return to Foxboro in late July for their annual physicals and conditioning tests before training camp opens at a date and time yet to be announced.

On Thursday, longtime safety and captain Devin McCourty sounded encouraged by the team's progress.

"The way a team is a good team

or continues to become a good team is to have practices where both sides are throwing haymakers, throwing big-time shots at each other," McCourty said. "And I think you've seen that in our practices."

— *Andrew Callahan, Boston Herald*

Giants: Early start to summer

The New York Giants canceled practice after holding a team meeting on Thursday, wrapping up a mandatory three-day minicamp.

The team said it was holding an organizational function instead of a practice. That means the next time the Giants and coach Brian Daboll will get together on the field will be July 26, when the team reports for the start of training camp.

New York has posted five straight losing seasons since last making the playoffs in 2016 under Ben McAdoo. The organization fired general manager

Dave Gettleman and coach Joe Judge following a 4-13 record last season.

Former Buffalo assistant general manager Joe Schoen was hired to replace Gettleman. Daboll, the Bills' offensive coordinator, was chosen to replace Judge.

With a new coach, the Giants were allowed to start offseason workouts two weeks early. It's possible Daboll was able to finish what he wanted to install and gave the players a break on the final day.

Players seemingly didn't know their final workout would be canceled but they did meet as a group on the field after Wednesday's practice.

"That was just something that some of the leadership put together," safety Julian Love said Wednesday. "Just to make sure everybody is holding each other down, especially as we go into this break, doing the right things, just off-the-field stuff. Making sure everybody is OK, has a resource to reach out to, stuff like that."

— *Associated Press*

Huskies

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junior, knows with the departure of R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin, the onus is on him to produce more offensively. Last season he averaged 6.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.1 assists, while shooting a career-high 36.1% from the 3. Jackson will need to average double-digit points to help replace lost offensive production and raise his NBA prospects.

At times last season he would use his elite athleticism to blow by opponents to get easy points, but it wasn't a common enough occurrence. With heightened offensive responsibilities Jackson knows he has to get into the attacking mindset and drive to the rim to put pressure on the defense. An aggressive Jackson opens up UConn's offense and leads to opposing defenders in foul trouble or leaves his teammates open.

Jackson's biggest focus this summer will be improving his finishing around the rim. He's spent countless hours working on getting past defenders and making shots at the rim through contact.

With Hurley's four-out, one-in offense, Jackson anticipates shooting more 3s, so it's been a point of emphasis for him. Because of the new offense he has been tinkering with his mechanics to make his shot quicker and more fluid

A team filled with youth

This team is one of the youngest in Dan Hurley's four seasons with the Huskies. UConn has just two rising seniors, East Carolina transfer Tristen Newton and Virginia Tech transfer Nahiem Alleyne, both of whom have two years of eligibility left due to COVID-19.

Jackson, sophomore guard Jordan Hawkins and junior forward Adama Sanogo have embraced the opportunity to become team leaders. Along with working on his game, Jackson has made it a huge focus to become a better leader this summer.

Who is the fifth starter?

Currently, Newton, Hawkins, Jackson and Sanogo appear to be locked in as starters. The fifth spot could go in multiple ways depending on how the



UConn's Andre Jackson plays against Creighton during the second half of a March 2 game in Omaha, Neb. **REBECCA S. GRATZ/AP**

coaching staff wants to play.

The most likely choice is 6-foot-4 guard Alleyne, who started 36 games at Virginia Tech last season and averaged 9.6 points while shooting 37.3% from the 3. He's a natural fit with the other four players and helps space the floor. The issue with him in the lineup is that it leaves UConn small and that could lead to giving up offensive rebounds or putting too much pressure on Sanogo to rim protect.

Another choice is Alex Karaban, who spent the last season as a redshirt freshman. The 6-8 forward from Massachusetts can play multiple positions and shoot from anywhere on the court. The downside for Karaban is his lack of experience and lateral quickness on defense.

That leaves Samson Johnson, perhaps the most tantalizing talent out of the three choices, but he's also the most mistake-prone. Nevertheless, the 6-10 forward from Togo can rim protect, command a fast break and even hit a 3 or two. He's the biggest boom-or-bust option out of the three candidates.

How much will the new offensive style help?

Last season Hurley couldn't play four-out, one-in because he felt that style kept essential players like forward Isaiah Whaley out of the lineup. Despite the offense having

its ugly moments, the Huskies still finished No. 22 overall in NCAA Division I in offensive efficiency, according to KenPom. Hurley finally has the right roster fit this season and gets to implement the same offensive system he had when he coached at Rhode Island.

The new system has paid dividends for schools such as Baylor and Villanova, leading to deep NCAA Tournament runs.

How will Donovan Clingan perform?

Donovan Clingan is a four-star recruit and the only true freshman. The 7-2 center from Bristol is a fascinating talent. He has a polished post game, the ability to defend the rim and can create offense out of the post with his elite vision and passing ability. Compared to many UConn bigs recruited in the past, Clingan appears to be more college-ready.

Clingan's biggest weaknesses are his overall endurance and increasing lateral quickness on defense. As a result, he's focused on losing weight and has dropped nearly 20 pounds this summer. He's also worked on his jump shot which will help expand his offensive game. This season his role will primarily be Sanogo's backup. If his jump shot is legit, perhaps a double-big lineup of Clingan and Sanogo is sometimes used.



Formerly UConn's bullpen catcher, Tommy Benincaso transferred to Eastern Connecticut and helped win a Division III national title. **TOMMY BENINCASO/COURTESY**

There were times, Hamm said, when Benincaso would come out of a game and, if Eastern had used up its catchers, he would run down to the bullpen and catch the relievers warming up.

"Tommy is an ultra-positive person," Hamm said. "He has the ability to always bring energy through a very positive attitude. His engine is full go all the time. When he was around the team from the start, he is all in for the team without an ounce of selfishness. Guys started to see this is who Tommy is, he wears his heart on his sleeve and to his core, Tommy loves the team and to compete."

As his senior year at UConn approached, Benincaso began throwing off a mound and he asked Ben Casparius, now with the Dodgers' organization, to aim a pocket radar gun. Fedko's suspicion was confirmed: Benincaso was throwing 91, 92 mph.

"I told [pitching coach] Josh

MacDonald the next day, 'I want to play college baseball,' and that's where it all started," Benincaso said. Coach Mac was all for it, and the coaches were tremendous help in getting schools interested."

MacDonald began working with him, and had him pitch in intrasquad games, startling the teammates who weren't yet on to the secret, to get something on film. Benincaso got some offers from Division I mid-majors, but chose Eastern, which was coming off an NCAA regional appearance and hungry for more in 2022, and where he would have extra eligibility.

"Josh MacDonald is the best of the best," Hamm said. "I saw Tommy first on video, and what was most remarkable was how explosive he was, and at the same time how clean his arm action was. He is a max-effort pitcher, but with very clean biomechanics."

His development continued with ECSU associate head coach Chris Wojick, who works with the pitchers. Benincaso, who graduated with degree in secondary math education, may be 23, but he has low mileage on his right arm and yet another year of eligibility, which he plans to use to help ECSU try to repeat.

"It was so crystal clear how special this team is," Benincaso said. "One of the best teams with leadership I've ever played on. It was more of a love thing than just a getting-together team. We meshed so well. It's just the love we have for each other is outstanding and something you can't find anywhere else."

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UConn

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going, players on the 2022-23 roster and various other topics. Here are the biggest takeaways:

The roster is likely set

UConn graduated three players — Olivia Nelson-Ododa, Evina Westbrook and Christyn Williams — and replaced them with three newcomers. Those additions of Brady and Patterson as freshman and Lopez-Sénéchal through the transfer portal seem to be the only ones that will be made this offseason.

The 2022-23 roster is likely set at 11 players. Auriemma was asked about the possibility of walk-on players or other transfers joining the team but wasn't too high on either option.

"Whether there's going to be a walk-on or not probably won't be known until September when kids show up to school and say, 'Hey, I want to play basketball,'" Auriemma said. "So chances of that are remote. As far as the transfer portal is concerned, it's a little late in the game for that and I really haven't seen anybody that would significantly improve our program. So that's also another remote possibility that I don't see happening."

Huskies injury report

Auriemma said UConn has "five-and-a-half" players participating in full workouts.

Paige Bueckers, Lopez-Sénéchal, Aaliyah Edwards and Patterson have been full-go. Nika Mühl just got cleared from a non-COVID illness and will now join that group, with the coaches wanting her to become more of an offensive weapon this offseason. Auriemma said Amari DeBerry "comes and goes," and is therefore considered half a player.

"Some days she's good to go, some days she's not," Auriemma said of DeBerry's frequency working out with the team. When asked about whether the sophomore forward could fill a bigger support role in the post next season, he remarked: "That remains to be seen. I would love to see that happen. Right now, I'm not one way or the other. I am not definitively saying yes I see or no I don't, I'm just waiting to see more."

The rest of the team is in a rehab phase with the exception of Brady. Caroline Ducharme (hip), Aubrey Griffin (back) and Dorka Juhász (wrist) are all recovering from their respective surgeries.

"Her wrist is getting better and better all the time," Auriemma said of Juhász. "She's working unbelievably hard at her conditioning and she can use her right hand as much as she wants to do a lot of different things. So it's just through putting in a lot of time, a lot of repetitions, and she's improving every

day. ... So she looks great. She really does, she looks great."

Auriemma also added, "I think Dorka's going to have the kind of season where I'd be shocked if she wasn't one of the top five or six players picked in the [WNBA] draft next year."

Ducharme spoke to media standing without any crutches. Auriemma noted that she has progressed to walking up and down, has been shooting left-handed and is in the gym every chance she gets, even though she can't play.

"She can't stay out of the gym," Auriemma said of Ducharme. "For her, it's really slow going. We've been down this road before with Crystal Dangerfield and it's not an easy rehab, you know. ... So Caroline's Caroline, man. She's just a competitive kid that is competing in rehab, too. So it'll be good."

Coaches are also being cautious with Azzi Fudd, who missed 11 games with a foot injury last year.

"Azzi does some individuals, but she is not yet going up and down the floor," Auriemma said. "We're still trying to make sure that there's no lingering effects from what her issues were last year at the beginning of [the] season."

Auriemma said he expects all of those players to be ready to go in September when more training for the upcoming season gets underway.

The plan for Paige Bueckers

The goals and plans for the summer are different for each player. Auriemma said he asked Bueckers to stay on campus in July and August, when many others will go home, to focus on preparing for the upcoming season.

"You need to get your body ready to withstand the way you want to play," Auriemma recalled telling her.

Bueckers missed 19 games last season with a tibial plateau fracture and torn meniscus. Though she's back healthy now, Auriemma realizes that in order for Bueckers to sustain that and play as hard as she does on both ends of the court in practice and games, she needs to adapt her body.

"She needs to be strong enough to withstand all that," Auriemma said. "Her goal is to get a little bit bigger, a little bit stronger. She's never going to look like Maya Moore, you know, she's probably gonna look more like [Breanna Stewart] the rest of her life. But Stewie got a lot stronger as time went on to be able to withstand what was coming, because they treated her pretty much the same way."

"So Paige has got a busy summer coming up, plus all the other stuff. I said, 'Paige, you do a lot for a lot of people. I think it's time to start doing a lot of stuff for yourself:'"

Auriemma also noted that Bueckers and Mühl have taken on "a much, much bigger role" in terms of leadership.

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off his teammates by stepping into the line of fire. "I think that's just my MO, that's who I've always been. In saying that, that doesn't excuse my play, how poorly I played last night. Yeah, I mean, I'll continue to be that guy, no matter what. I try not to get caught up in all the stuff that happens around me or that, for that matter. But, yeah, I've always been that guy. That won't change now."

"Obviously it can affect them, and I understand that," he said of the impact on his family. "For me going on the court, those people chanting that out on the floor, quite frankly, my family aren't out there with me either, so at the end of the day it's me and my teammates out there on the court versus their guys."

"That's just what it has to be, channel and focus all my energy there. I mean, I didn't really give much to the crowd anyway, which I kind of think was a little bit more of an issue than if I did. So, like I said, it's just about me finding that balance and being Draymond Green. I know how to be him better than anyone else. I know how to be him better

than anyone else can be him. So I just got to be myself."

Meanwhile, Rob Williams, the day after his career play-off night of eight points, 10 rebounds, four blocks and three steals, felt good during Thursday's practice.

"Feeling good this morning. One of the better days," he said. "Like I said, up and down, but feeling good."

Williams is aided by what he describes as a day of various forms of continuous treatment on his surgically repaired left knee.

"Treatment. A whole lot of treatment. BFR, ice. Same thing over again. Stim, get home, icing, compression sleeves. Just trying to throw everything at it," he said. "Start off usually like a deep tissue massage, back of my calf, front of my knee. Calf stretch. Get some ice, maybe ice one or two times. Wait a couple hours. Really just repeat the same thing."

Come gametime, adrenaline takes care of the rest.

"You know, it's a little bit situational. Thankfully, when I get out there on the court, adrenaline, energy is carrying me," said Williams. "Some places it might hurt a little bit more, to slide a little bit defensively than running in a straight line."

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS SCHEDULE

#2 Boston 2, #3 Golden State 1
G1: June 2: Boston 120-108.
G2: May 5: Golden State 107-88.
G3: June 8: at Boston 116-100.
G4: Friday: at Boston, 9 p.m.
G5: Monday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-G6: June 16: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m. (best-of-7; x-if necessary)

LATE WEDNESDAY/GAME 3:
BOSTON 116, GOLDEN STATE 100

	FG	FT	Reb		
GOLDEN STATE	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A PF PTS
Green	34:47	1-4	0-0	1-4	3 6 2
Wiggins	40:22	7-16	3-4	1-7	2 4 18
Looney	16:49	3-4	0-0	3-7	3 3 6
Curry	37:07	12-22	1-1	0-4	2 4 31
Thompson	39:02	7-17	6-6	0-3	3 1 25
Poole	24:27	4-8	1-2	0-3	2 3 10
Porter Jr.	21:06	2-3	0-0	1-1	4 1 6
Payton II	11:25	0-2	2-2	0-1	1 2 2
Bjelica	3:27	0-1	0-0	0-1	0 0 0
Kuminga	2:19	0-0	0-0	0-1	0 0 0
Lee	2:19	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0
Moody	2:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0
Toscano	2:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0

Anderson 2:09 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
Igoudala 2:09 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0
Totals 240:00 36-78 13-15 6-31 22 23 100

Percentages: FG .462, FT .867

3-Point Goals: 15-40, .375 (Curry 6-11, Thompson 5-13, Porter Jr. 2-3, Poole 1-4, Wiggins 1-6, Lee 0-1, Green 0-2)

Team Rebounds: 8

Team Turnovers: 1

Blocked Shots: 5 (Wiggins 2, Green, Moody, Thompson)

Turnovers: 16 (Curry 3, Looney 3, Poole 3, Wiggins 3, Green 2, Porter Jr., Toscano-Anderson)

Steals: 7 (Curry 2, Wiggins 2, Payton II, Porter Jr., Thompson)

Technical Fouls: None

	FG	FT	Reb		
BOSTON	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A PF PTS
Horford	30:07	5-7	0-2	3-8	6 3 11
Tatum	41:18	9-23	5-6	1-6	9 2 26
Williams III	25:57	4-5	0-0	3-0	3 8 8
Brown	39:40	9-16	5-6	3-9	5 2 27
Smart	39:23	8-17	5-7	2-7	5 3 24
White	23:35	3-9	1-1	0-1	2 2 7
Williams	20:08	4-7	1-2	3-5	0 2 10
Pritchard	9:47	1-2	0-0	0-0	1 0 3
Hauser	2:02	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0
Nesmith	2:02	0-1	0-0	0-1	0 0 0
Fitts	2:00	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0
Morgan	2:00	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0
Stauskas	2:00	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0
Totals	240:00	43-89	17-24	15-47	28 17 116

Percentages: FG .483, FT .708

3-Pointers: 13-35, .371 (Brown 4-8, Smart 3-7, Tatum 3-9, Pritchard 1-1, Horford 1-2, Williams 1-4, Stauskas 0-1, White 0-3)

Team Rebounds: 11

Tm Turnovers: 0

Blocked Shots: 7 (Williams III 4, Brown, Horford, White)

Turnovers: 12 (Smart 5, Brown 2, Tatum 2, Pritchard, White, Williams)

Steals: 7 (Williams III 3, Horford, Tatum, White, Williams)

Technical Fouls: None

Golden State	22	34	33	11	— 100
Boston	33	35	25	23	— 116

Attendance: 19,156 (18,624).
Time: 2:26

CAREER PLAYOFF 3-POINTERS

PLAYER	3P	G	3PA	3P%
Stephen Curry	548	131	1366	.401
Klay Thompson	440	142	1073	.410
LeBron James	432	266	1283	.337
Ray Allen	385	171	959	.401
James Harden	369	149	1102	.335
Kevin Durant	344	155	966	.356
Manu Ginobili	324	218	905	.358
Reggie Miller	320	144	820	.390
Danny Green	314	165	807	.389
J.R. Smith	294	140	801	.367
Kobe Bryant	292	220	882	.331
Derek Fisher	285	259	715	.399

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	10	3	.769	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	2
Washington	8	5	.615	2
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2½
New York	4	8	.333	5½
Indiana	3	11	.214	7½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	—
Dallas	6	5	.545	3½
Seattle	6	5	.545	3½
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5
Phoenix	3	8	.273	6½
Minnesota	3	9	.250	7

THURSDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Connecticut, 7p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at New York, 2p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 4p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 6p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Connecticut 88, Indiana 69
Washington 84, Chicago 82

ODDS

MLB	FRIDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
Milwaukee	-156 at Washington +135
at Philadelphia	-130 Arizona +110
at Atlanta	-222 Pittsburgh +183
at St. Louis	-126 Cincinnati +106
at San Diego	-259 Colorado +211
at San Fran.	Off LA Dodgers
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Toronto	-188 at Detroit +161
at Cleveland	-174 Oakland +152
at Kansas City	-115 Baltimore -105
at Chi. Wh.	-50x 130 Texas +110
Tampa Bay	-124 at Minnesota +104
at Seattle	Off Boston
INTERLEAGUE	
at NY Yankees	-253 Chi. Cubs +208
at Houston	-147 Miami +128
at LA Angels	Off NY Mets

NBA FINALS

FAVORITE **LINE O/U** **UNDERDOG**
at Boston 4 (214) Golden State

ODDS TO WIN FINALS SERIES
Boston -240 Golden State +200

For the latest odds, go to
FanDuel Sportsbook,
<https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/>

HORSE RACING

THE 154TH BELMONT STAKES

Saturday's race 11 at Belmont Park; Elmont, N.Y. Purse \$1,500,000. For Three Year Olds. POST TIME: 6:44 p.m. The purse to be divided \$800,000 to the winner, \$280,000 to second, \$150,000 to third, \$100,000 to fourth, \$60,000 to fifth, \$45,000 to sixth, \$35,000 to seventh and \$30,000 to eighth. Colts and Geldings, 126 Lbs.; Fillies, 121 Lbs. The winning owner will be presented with the August Belmont Memorial Cup to be retained for one year as well as a trophy for permanent possession and trophies to the winning trainer and jockey. 1 1/2 Miles.

PPHORSE	2022	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ODDS
1 We the People	4-3-0-0	Flavian Prat	Rodolphe Brisset	2-1
2 Skippylongstocking	5-1-0-1	Mamie Franco	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.	20-1
3 Nest (F)	3-2-1-0	Jose L. Ortiz	Todd A. Pletcher	8-1
4 Rich Strike	4-1-0-2	Sonny Leon	Eirc R. Reed	7-2
5 Creative Minister	4-2-1-1	Brian J. Hernandez, Jr.	Kenneth G McPeck	6-1
6 Mo Donegal	3-1-0-1	Irad Ortiz Jr.	Todd A. Pletcher	5-2
7 Monaghan Glider	5-1-1-0	Dylan Davis	Mark C. Casse	20-1
8 Barber Road	5-0-3-1	Joel Rosario	John Alexander Ortiz	10-1

Owners: 1 - WinStar Farm LLC, Flay, Bobby, CMNWLT and Siena Farm LLC; 2 - Alonso, Daniel; 3 - Repole Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and House, Michael; 4 - RED TR-Racing, LLC; 5 - Fern Circle Stables, Back Racing, LLC and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck); 6 - Donegal Racing and Repole Stable; 7 - Barber, Gary, Conrad, Manfred and Conrad, Penny; 8 - WSS Racing, LLC
Breeders: 1 - Henley Farms Inc.; 2 - Brushy Hill, LLC; 3 - Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables; 4 - Calumet Farm; 5 - Dell Ridge Farm, LLC; 6 - Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables; 7 - Nursery Place & Dicken Equine; 8 - Susan Forrester & Judy Curry

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 2, Tampa Bay 2

June 1: N.Y. Rangers 6-2.
June 3: N.Y. Rangers 3-2.
June 5: Tampa Bay 3-2.
June 7: Tampa Bay 4-1.

Thursday: at N.Y. Rangers, late
Saturday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-Tuesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Colorado 4, Edmonton 0

May 31: Colorado 8-6.
June 2: Colorado 4-0.
June 4: Colorado 4-2.
June 6: at Edmonton 6-5 (OT).

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	7	1	0	.875	181	136
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	222	201
Michigan	1	7	0	.125	155	190
Pittsburgh	1	7	0	.125	110	193

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	8	0	0	1.000	198	134
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	176	138
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500	138	157
Houston	1	7	0	.125	159	190

x-clinched playoff spot

WEEK 9

SATURDAY'S GAMES

New Jersey vs. Michigan, 1p.m.
Houston vs. Birmingham, 6p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans, 4p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh, 7:30p.m.

WEEK 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Philadelphia vs. New Jersey, noon
Birmingham vs. Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Michigan vs. Pittsburgh, noon
New Orleans vs. Houston, 4p.m.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
Semifinal 1, 3p.m.
Semifinal 2, 8p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

USFL Leason Championship
Tom Benson HOF Stadium, Canton, Ohio
North champ vs. South champ, 7:30pm

USFL SEASON LEADERS

PASS YARDS	YDS	TD	I
Kyle Slotter, NO	1,750	9	10
Jordan Ta'amu, TB	1,502	11	9
J'Mar Smith, Birm	1,241	9	4
Case Cookus, Phi	1,028	10	3
Clayton Thorson, Hou	987	10	7
Shea Patterson, NO	973	4	5
Luis Perez, NJ	970	5	1
Josh Love, Mich	616	2	2
DeAndre Johnson, NJ	600	2	1

RECEIVING YARDS

REC	YDS	TD
KaVontae Turpin, NJ	36	444
Lance Lenoir Jr., Mich	40	413
Marlon Williams, Birm	22	379
Jonathan Adams, NO	27	372
Johnnie Dixon, NO	33	335
Sal Cannella, NO	29	330
Tre Walker, Pit	30	325
Victor Bolden Jr., Birm	33	323
Taywan Taylor, NO	24	315
Bailey Galtner, Pit	22	315

RUSHING YARDS

CAR	YDS	TD
Darius Victor, NJ	113	524
Jordan Ellis, NO	126	519
Reggie Corbin, Mich	85	514
Mark Thompson, Hou	108	469
Trey Williams, NJ	96	403
Madre London, Pit	83	363
CJ Marable, Birm	85	328
Matt Colburn II, Phi	80	321
Bo Scarbrough, Birm	64	283

ALL-PURPOSE

AP	SCM	RUN	REC
Bolden Jr., Birm	1,023	323	0
Alexander, Phi	915	145	0
R. Corbin, Mich	822	546	32
T.Taylor, NO	786	315	0
T.Walker, Pit	752	325	0

SCORING

PT	TD	PS	RUN	REC
Ta'amu, TB	72	12	11	1
Cookus, Phi	68	11	10	1
Slotter, NO	68	10	9	1
J.Smith, Bir	66	11	9	2
Thorson, Hou	66	11	10	1

TACKLES

SOLO	A	TCK	I
Donald Payne, Hou	57	39	96
Jerod Fernandez, NO	43	33	76
Frank Ginda, Mich	35	37	72
D'Juan Hines, NJ	45	21	66
Kyahla Tezino, Pit	40	25	65
Reggie Northrup, Hou	34	29	63
Vontae Diggs, NO	45	18	63
Bryce Toreden, Pit	37	24	61

SACKS

SCK	YDS	FF
Chris Odom, Hou	11.0	82
Adam Rodriguez, Phi	7.0	44
Davin Bellamy, NO	5.5	32
DeMarquis Gates, Birm	5.0	24
Travis Feeney, TB	4.0	30
Willie Yarbary, Birm	3.5	18
Jaquan Bailey, Mich	3.5	22
Reginald Howard Jr., NO	3.5	25

INTERCEPTIONS

INT	YDS	TD
Channing Stribling, Phi	6	71
Will Likely, Hou	4	87
Shalom Luani, NJ	4	36
Lorenzo Burns, Birm	2	26
Donald Payne, Hou	2	53
Ike Brown, NO	2	98
Dravon Askew-Henry, NJ	2	4
Amani Dennis, Phi	2	29

FIELD GOALS

FGFGA	LG	XP	XA
Brandon Aubrey, Bir	15	49	19
Nick Vogel, Hou	13	18	53
Ramiz Ahmed, Pit	12	19	61
Tyler Rausa, TB	9	13	46
Taylor Bertolet, NO	9	12	50
Cole Murphy, Mich	8	9	60

source: foxsports.com through June 5.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES




MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS	MAKER	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	542	—	7
2	Toyota	521	-21	4
3	Ford	506	-36	4

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

Frank Ginda, Mich	35	37	72	0
D’Juan Hines, NJ	45	21	66	0
Kyahva Tezino, Pit	40	25	65	1
Reggie Northrup, Hou	34	29	63	0
Vontae Diggs, NO	45	18	63	1

WEATHER

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and less humid. West wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 80°
LOW 57°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Variable cloudiness and seasonable.

HIGH 77°
LOW 58°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Early clouds, becoming partly sunny.

HIGH 77°
LOW 60°

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, a couple showers and thunderstorms are possible.

HIGH 79°
LOW 58°

TUESDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 83°
LOW 60°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

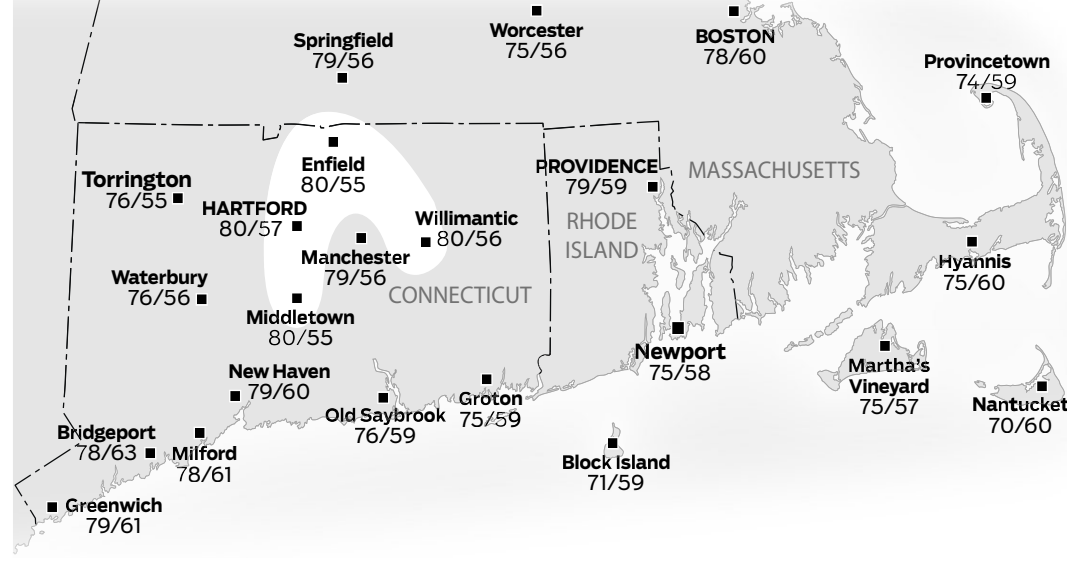
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

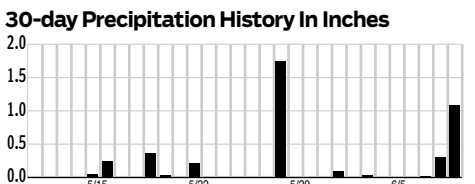
High pressure over the mid-Atlantic will bring mostly sunny skies on Friday with highs in the 70s to near 80 degrees. The wind will be on the light side, west at 5 to 10 mph. Cloudiness will move into the region overnight, then there will be variable cloudiness on Saturday with highs in the 70s. There could be a few widely scattered showers Saturday night, the chance for showers is only around 30 percent, so its not worth changing any plans. Clouds will linger Sunday morning, before high pressure takes over bringing partly sunny skies with highs in the 70s.

-Gary Lessor

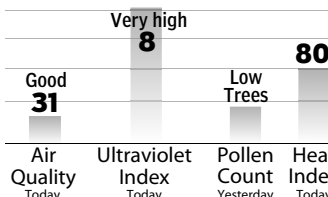
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	1.08 0.15
Month to date	1.52 1.35
Total this year	19.10 19.24

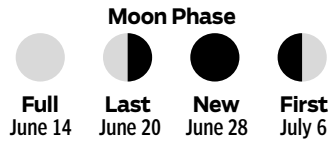
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:16 a.m.
Sunset	8:24 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	4:02 p.m.	5:18 p.m.
Moonset	2:38 a.m.	3:04 a.m.



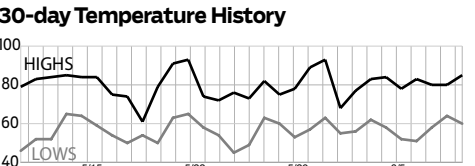
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	6:30 a.m. 6:53 p.m.	12:39 a.m. 12:39 p.m.	66°
Saybrook Jetty	7:41 a.m. 8:04 p.m.	1:32 a.m. 1:32 p.m.	66°
Connecticut River at Portland	10:24 a.m. 10:47 p.m.	5:18 a.m. 5:18 p.m.	
Madison	7:53 a.m. 7:53 p.m.	1:42 a.m. 2:53 p.m.	69°
New Haven	8:13 a.m. 8:13 p.m.	2:06 a.m. 2:17 p.m.	72°
Stamford	8:17 a.m. 8:17 p.m.	2:20 a.m. 2:31 p.m.	63°

River Stage at Hartford: 2.91 feet at 4:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Wind	W, 5-15	W, 5-15	W, 10-15
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-4 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	85 at 1:29 p.m.	60 at 6:12 a.m.
Normal for date	78	56
Record for date	96 in 2008	42 in 1977
A year ago	90	70
Range this year	93	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 9	134	76	120



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.85 at 12 a.m.	29.52 at 2 p.m.
Dew point	70° at 11 a.m.	54° at 6 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 74 54 PC Burlington 73 54 PC Caribou 67 52 SH Concord 78 51 PC Montpelier 68 48 PC Mt. Wash. 42 37 PC Portland 77 56 PC Woods Hole 75 57 S	Baltimore 81 61 PC Bismarck 80 58 PC Boise 90 62 S Buffalo 70 55 PC Charleston 87 71 PC Cincinnati 74 56 SH Cleveland 76 57 PC Indianapolis 73 57 SH Jacksonville 91 72 PC Las Vegas 109 85 S Miami Beach 86 78 T Milwaukee 75 57 C San Diego 73 66 PC	Nashville 85 64 PC New Orleans 91 76 T New York 81 65 S Okla. City 91 68 PC Omaha 75 62 C Orlando 90 74 T Pittsburgh 76 55 PC Raleigh 83 62 PC St. Louis 74 61 SH Salt Lake City 96 68 PC San Antonio 98 78 PC San Jose 73 66 PC	San Juan 90 79 PC Tucson 107 80 S Budapest 81 62 SH Buenos Aires 53 40 S Cairo 106 78 S Cancun 89 78 S Dubai 97 85 S Edinburgh 67 54 S Helsinki 67 54 PC Hong Kong 79 73 SH Istanbul 85 66 PC Jerusalem 87 68 S Johannesburg 66 40 S	Kingston 89 74 PC Lisbon 87 65 S London 74 54 PC Madrid 95 70 PC Mexico City 77 56 SH Milan 86 63 S Montreal 68 57 SH Moscow 83 61 PC Nassau 85 78 SH New Delhi 112 88 S Paris 79 61 PC Prague 76 55 PC Rio de Janeiro 75 71 SH Rome 84 66 PC Seoul 85 64 PC Singapore 89 77 SH	Stockholm 72 54 PC Sydney 63 48 S Tel Aviv 87 69 S Tokyo 76 64 SH Toronto 70 57 S Vancouver 65 55 SH Warsaw 76 57 SH
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Southington baseball and softball vying for state titles

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

The CIAC baseball and softball championships will take place Friday and Saturday at Palmer Field in Middletown (baseball) and DeLuca Field in Stratford (softball). Both Southington softball and baseball teams will be attempting to win titles, among other area schools. Here is a look at the matchups:

BASEBALL

Class LL

No. 4 Southington (21-3) vs. No. 3 Fairfield Warde (23-3), Saturday, noon: Southington has played through the state tournament in memory of its coach Charlie Lembo, who died May 28 after being diagnosed with cancer last year. The Blue Knights have not won a title since 1999, losing in the finals in 2019, 2014, 2013 and 2011. Fairfield Warde, which won the FCIAC tournament title, last advanced to the final in 2016, losing to Amity.

Class L

No. 10 Maloney (16-8) vs. No. 1 Windsor (23-1), Friday, 7 p.m.: Windsor's only loss came to Class LL finalist Southington, 4-3, on May 17. The Warriors haven't won a state title in baseball since 1991 and was last in the championship game in 2018. Maloney is making its first championship game appearance since 1995.

Class M

No. 7 Woodland (22-6) vs. No. 4 Barlow (22-4), Saturday, 7 p.m.: Barlow pitcher Matt Scott, who is headed for Stanford, was the state Gatorade Player of the Year. Woodland handed St. Paul, the Class S finalist, its only loss of the season in the NVL tournament semifinal game.

Class S

No. 4 Somers (20-5) vs. No. 1 St. Paul (26-1), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.: St. Paul is still remembering last year's 8-0 loss to Coginchaug in the Class S championship game and with the addition of Cheshire Academy transfer Joey Tonnotti on the mound, the Falcons are looking for their fourth title. This is Somers' first appearance in a state championship game since 1984.

SOFTBALL

Class LL

No. 5 Bristol Central (21-3) vs. No. 2 Southington (23-1), Friday, 7 p.m.: Southington is going for its 20th state championship after winning the last two (2021 and 2019) and may have its strongest



Somers' Colby McCormick gets a hit against Oxford in a CIAC Class S semifinal game at Palmer Field in Middletown on Tuesday. Somers won 9-3 to advance to the finals. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

team yet. The Blue Knights' only loss came to Class L finalist Masuk 6-0 on May 10. Bristol Central lost to Southington 8-0 May 18. The Rams' last championship appearance was 2005.

Class L

No. 7 Waterford (21-4) vs. No. 1 Masuk (25-1), Saturday, 6 p.m.: Masuk pitcher Kat Gallant, who plans to play at Villanova next year, was named the state Gatorade Player of the Year Thursday. Waterford counters with pitcher Maddie Burrows, who will also pitch at Villanova next year and who threw a no-hitter in an 8-0 semifinal win over Avon.

Class M

No. 6 Oxford (23-4) vs. No. 1 Woodland (26-0), Saturday, noon: Woodland won all three times the two NVL teams faced each other this season, including a comeback win in the NVL tournament championship game. But it's always hard to beat a team four times. Oxford has won two state championships (2013, 2015). Woodland was undefeated last year as well but lost in the Class M semifinals.

Class S

No. 15 North Branford (20-7) vs. No. 1 Cromwell (22-3), Saturday, 3 p.m.: North Branford lost twice to Shoreline foe Cromwell, 2-0 early in the season and 4-0 on May 20. The Thunderbirds are returning to the state championship game after losing to Seymour in the Class M final last year. Cromwell is making its first appearance in a state final.

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Semifinals at Fairfield University
DARIEN 16, FAIRFIELD PREP 9
Class M—Semifinals at Law HS, Milford
WILTON 14, CHESHIRE 6

THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Pomperaug HS
DARIEN 3, TRUMBULL 0 (25-22, 25-15, 25-10)
Class M—Championship at Pomperaug HS
BARLOW 3, NEW CANAAN 0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-20)

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Individual Tournament
At The Tennis and Fitness Center, Rocky Hill
Singles—Semifinals, noon
TIGHE BRUNETTI, STAPLES DEF. DYLAN ATKINSON, GREENWICH, 6-1, 7-6(2)
PETRO KUZMENOK, FAIRFIELD WARDE DEF. LUKAS PHIMVONGSA, ENFIELD, 6-4, 6-0
Doubles—Semifinals, noon
ANDERS HANSEN/WILL DONNELLY, DARIEN DEF. ARJUN BATRA/JUSTIN BILENKER, WESTHILL, 6-0, 6-2
LUKE BRODSKY/ALEX GUADARRAMA, STAPLES DEF. SAM GIOFFRE/ALEX REYES, WILTON, 6-0, 6-1

GIRLS TENNIS

CIAC State Individual Tournament
At Newington Tennis Center
Singles—Semifinals, noon
KILEY PICKENS, AMITY DEF. SARAH DONNELLY, DARIEN, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2
LAUREN ZHANG, DARIEN DEF. ALEXANDRA ORLINS, CHESHIRE, 6-2, 6-2
Doubles—Semifinals, noon
GABBY PRICE, ELLIE PRICE, FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE DEF. JORDANA LATZMAN/AUDREY KERCHER, STAPLES, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
GRACE ALTHOFF/AVA DE CASTRO, DARIEN DEF. SERENA PLATT/JULIA GJERTSEN, NEW CANAAN, 7-6, 6-4

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 10Maloney (16-8) vs. No. 1Windsor (23-1), 7p.m.

SOFTBALL

Class LL—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
No. 5Bristol Central (21-3) vs. No. 2Southington (23-1), 7p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Individual Tournament
Singles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown, 3p.m.
No. 2Petro Kuzmenok, Fairfield Warde vs. No. 1Tighe Brunetti, Staples
Doubles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown, 3p.m.
No. 2Luke Brodsky/Alex Guadarrama, Staples vs. No. 1 Anders Hansen/Will Donnelly, Darien

GIRLS TENNIS

Singles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown, 3p.m.
No. 2Lauren Zhang, Darien vs. No. 1Kiley Pickens, Amity
Doubles—Championship at Wesleyan University, Middletown, 3p.m.
Grace Althoff/Java de Castro, Darien vs. No. 1Gabby Price, Ellie Price, Fairfield Ludlowe

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 4Southington (21-3) vs. No. 3Fairfield Warde, noon
Class M—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 7Woodland (19-5) vs. No. 4Barlow (21-3), 7p.m.
Class S—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 3Somers (20-4) vs. No. 1St. Paul (25-1), 3:30p.m.

SOFTBALL

Class L—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
No. 7Waterford (20-4) vs. No. 1Masuk (22-1), 6p.m.
Class M—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford
No. 6Oxford (21-3) vs. No. 1Woodland (23-0), noon
Class S—Championship at DeLuca Field, Stratford

No. 15North Branford (17-7) vs. No. 1Cromwell (21-2), 3p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 3New Canaan (17-2) vs. No. 1Darien (18-0), 2p.m.
Class M—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 15St. Joseph (13-7) vs. No. 1Guilford (18-1), noon
Class S—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 14Lauralton Hall (12-8) vs. No. 4New Fairfield (15-3), 10a.m.

BOYS GOLF

CIAC State Open (Black Hall Club, Old Lyme), 1p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CIAC State Open (Black Hall Club, Old Lyme), 1p.m.

SUNDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 2Staples (17-2) vs. No. 1Darien (17-1), 3p.m.
Class M—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 10Notre Dame-West Haven (14-5) vs. No. 4Wilton (16-3), 12:30p.m.
Class S—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
No. 7Northwest Catholic (15-4) vs. No. 5Weston (15-4), 10 a.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 1
UConn at Stanford, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 2
UConn at Stanford, 7p.m.

MONDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 3(if necessary)
UConn at Stanford, time TBD

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings					
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB	
Hartford	34	19	.642	—	
Somerset	33	19	.635	0.5	
New Hamp.	24	28	.462	9.5	
Portland	24	29	.453	10	
Reading	22	31	.415	12	
Binghamton	20	32	.385	13.5	
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB	
Akron	30	23	.566	—	
Erie	30	23	.566	—	
Richmond	30	23	.566	—	
Altoona	26	27	.491	4	
Bowie	22	31	.415	8	
Harrisburg	21	31	.404	8.5	

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

BINGHAMTON 4-1, NEW HAMPSHIRE 1-2
HARRISBURG 6-2, BOWIE 2-4
READING 6-0, ALTOONA 1-4

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HARTFORD AT PORTLAND, LATE
BOWIE AT HARRISBURG, LATE
AKRON AT SOMERSET, LATE
ERIE AT RICHMOND, LATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE AT BINGHAMTON, LATE
ALTOONA AT READING, LATE

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hartford at Portland, 6p.m.
Erie at Richmond, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Reading, 7p.m.
Bowie at Harrisburg, 7p.m.
Akron at Somerset, 7p.m.
New Hampshire at Binghamton, 7p.m.